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The Government, he said, was sure that the House as a whole should not flout the people's wishes. The House would wish to be guided by the nation as a whole, and not an individual part of it.

Mr Short said preparations for a count at Earls Court were well advanced. Adequate arrangements could be made for the transfer and security of ballot boxes, the recruitment of staff, and the counting operation.

From the Tory front bench, Mr John Peyton said that the Government would be ill advised to accept the course proposed by Mr Short, which might well degenerate into high farce. He hoped the Government would have second thoughts on what he described as "an administrative horror". The wiser course would be to accept proposals for a count on a county basis.

Earlier in the debate Mr MacFarquhar, Labour MP for Belper, moving the backbench amendment for the regional count, warned MPs that a national count as proposed by the Government would exacerbate tensions in the country instead of relieving them. He believed that if there was a national count the Scottish National Party would for ever after claim that Scotland had been cheated.

There would be rumour, suspicion and bitterness. Honesty was the best policy Mr MacFarquhar said, and if Scotland voted by a majority to leave the EEC that fact should be faced whatever the implications.

From the Liberal benches, Mr David Steel, moving an amendment for a count on a constituency basis, said his party would vote for Mr MacFarquhar's amendment if the Liberal amendment was defeated, which it was, by 264 votes to 131, a Government majority of 133. He suggested that a centralized count would be a big departure from normal election procedure, and would be undesirable and cumbersome. Ballot boxes would have to be brought from all over the United Kingdom to Earls Court. It would be difficult to avoid leaks on how the count was going, and they would be unable to avoid speculation while it lasted for three days and nights. The referendum, Mr Steel said, would be used for separatist purposes, whether the count was local or national.

In vain did Mr Short plead that the balance of administrative convenience lay very much with a central count. However he said, a declaration by counties, if the amendment was carried by the House, would still allow all the votes in the United Kingdom to be counted in London.

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Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, said that if Mr Callaghan wanted to press his amendment she would sit down and draft amendments to the official White Paper on the renegotiations.

Her remark brought an immediate rejoinder from Mr Short, Leader of the House and deputy leader of the party, who said that Mrs Castle had had the opportunity to table any amendments when the White Paper had been discussed in Cabinet. She had not done so.

The meeting came three days before the special party conference on Europe in London, when two of the principal platform speakers will be Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot, presenting opposing points of view. The final outcome was that the party will spend about £1,000 in printing a 70-page document on Europe, which has not got the full approval of the NEC. It will be circulated to delegates at the conference as an information paper and few will have time to read it on the day. In the view of Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, it would have been better to call it a "misinformation paper".

Mr Ron Hayward, general secretary, pointed out to those who wanted a line-by-line debate tha tthe document, if voted on, would have the status of an official party document.

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, proposed that it should be forwarded to the conference as an information paper only, and that was carried by 14 votes to 9.

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The Queen with Dr Fleming, Dean of Windsor, after she had attended a service of thanksgiving at St George's Chapel yesterday with members of the Royal Family. (Report, page 18.)

Vietcong deride plea for ceasefire as troops surge south

From Peter Hazelhurst
Saigon, April 23

President Tran Van Huong, South Vietnam's new head of state, today asked the Provisional Revolutionary Government and North Vietnam to enforce an immediate ceasefire and initiate a dialogue which at [illegible] of the conflict could only lead to a negotiated surrender.

However, spokesmen for the Vietcong in Saigon and the Provisional Revolutionary Government in Paris rejected the offer, describing it as a trick "which fools no one and hardly helps the Americans out of their defeat". A spokesman for the PRG's military delegation described President Huong as "a pullet".

This would suggest that the PRG, flushed with victory, has discarded the possibility of a political solution.

As the Foreign Ministry announced that the Government is willing to renew its offer to reopen talks with the communists, a spokesman for the British Embassy announced today that Mr Callaghan, the British Foreign Secretary, has instructed Mr John Bushell, the British Ambassador in Saigon, to close his mission "temporarily" and evacuate the staff and all other Britons in South Vietnam to Singapore tomorrow.

Two RAF Hercules aircraft are expected to fly into Tan Son Nhut airbase tomorrow to evacuate 18 members of the British Embassy and an estimated 150 British nationals in South Vietnam.

With two-thirds of the country already lost and Saigon surrounded by 15 North Vietnam divisions, the South Vietnamese Government issued a statement today claiming that President Huong and Mr Nguyen Ba Can, the Prime Minister, are willing to negotiate a peace settlement "without preconditions".

The statement, remarkable for the lack of the usual vituperative accusations against the communists, also declared the Government is willing to discuss all issues within the framework of the Paris peace agreement including the National Council for Reconciliation and Concord, a joint but defunct political front, which was supposed to enforce the agreement and prepare for elections.

The tentative suggestion that South Vietnam is willing to participate in the National Council is seen as a big concession, because in the past former President Thieu refused to enter any coalition or joint front with the communists.

The south has also opposed establishing the National Council because the communists have insisted that it should comprise three parties: the PRG, the Saigon Administration, and a "third force" of liberals, intellectuals and other critics of the present regime.

The statement, issued at a time when the North Vietnamese are capable of smashing their way through Saigon's outer defence perimeter within 48 hours, declares that the Government considers that "as a first step there should be an immediate ceasefire to put an end to the inhuman plight of millions of innocent people".

It suggested that the proposed talks could take place at Tan Son Nhut air base, near Saigon, or at Le Celle Saint Cloud, in France.

Until now the PRG has adamantly refused to talk with any official or politician associated with the former regime under President Thieu, including the present head of state and the Prime Minister.

However, it is understood that a more acceptable negotiator, Mr Traan Van Don, the Defence Minister, will soon replace Mr Can as Prime Minister. Mr Don, a 58-year-old soldier turned politician, was educated in France and is regarded as slightly left of centre.

Speculation that France might be acting as an intermediary

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Warning to doctors on use of heart drug

By Penny Symon

A drug used by about 250,000 heart patients has been found to have serious side-effects, and Britain's doctors are being told not to prescribe it unless absolutely necessary.

ICI Pharmaceuticals Division is writing to all doctors warning them that it has received an increasing number of reports of a mild form of peritonitis among people taking Eraldin. Twenty cases have so far come to light, and ICI feels that the drug should now be prescribed only where there is no suitable alternative.

The letter says: "We think that the drug should be reserved for treatment of patients where it has specific benefit compared with alternative forms of treatment. Furthermore, a most careful assessment of the benefits of treatment with Eraldin should be made before the long-term use of the product is considered."

ICI said it wanted to be sure that all doctors understood the drug's side effects, but added that it should continue to be available, as it was a lifesaver in certain situations, particularly for patients suffering from heart disease and asthma or bronchitis.

This is not the first time that doctors have been warned about Eraldin. Soon after it appeared on the market in 1972 some patients complained of skin rashes and eye complaints.

Last July, ICI sent out an official warning that the drug might be linked with skin rashes and eye troubles. A further letter was sent in October.

The Committee on Safety of Medicines, which screened Eraldin before it was released, has been told of the latest warning.

Our Medical Correspondent writes: The Committee for Drug Safety issued a warning about the side-effects of Eraldin in January this year and several case reports recently appeared in the British Medical Journal

However, Eraldin has proved a most effective treatment for patients with chest pain due to heart disease, and, unlike earlier drugs of the same type, it had no adverse effect on breathing.

Spending cut warning by Mr Healey

Trade unionists who seek wage settlements outside the social contract guidelines to compensate for tax increases were told last night by Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that their action might force him to "slash at" the programmes on which the Government was elected.

He said that if trade unionists acted in that way inflation would continue to race even higher. He added: "But it would be difficult in future to use tax increases to keep our economy afloat: that would only give the vicious circle a further twist.

"I should have to rely primarily on further cuts in public expenditure and I should have to slash at the very programme on which we all fought and won the last two general elections."

The Chancellor, who was speaking in London, said: "Is that what the opponents of the social contract really want? Yet, unless the nation's wage bill can be kept down to what the TUC has rightly decided is all we can afford, we face not only rising unemployment but cuts in the social services, too.

'Asphyxiation bombs used in Vietnam'

Saigon, April 23.—South Vietnam has started using ultra-lethal "asphyxiation" bombs in an apparently successful bid to slow the advance of Vietcong and North Vietnamese forces, according to a military source in Saigon.

He said that South Vietnamese Air Force C130s had started dropping the new bombs in an attempt to save Saigon. The "depression" bombs as they are called, suck up oxygen over a radius of 250 yards for long enough to kill all human life.

Military reports cited by the source spoke of "hundreds and perhaps thousands of enemy corpses" seen spread over zones of several acres between Xuan Loc and Bien Hoa. The bodies bore no wounds, according to the reports. The dead troops had their mouths wide open and had died clutching their throats as though gasping for breath.

The depression bombs apparently were first used on Monday, at a time when heavy adverse pressure had cut off units at Xuan Loc. Five C130 Hercules transport aircraft attacked North Vietnamese regiments engaged in the Xuan Loc sector. Each dropped 24 depression bombs.

The bombing was being cited in military circles today as an explanation for the sudden calm which settled on battlefields in the Saigon area on Monday and persisted yesterday.—Agence France-Presse.

Our Washington Correspondent writes: General Winant Sidle, a Pentagon spokesman, today stated that both the Army and Navy had been using for some time a bomb that had the side effect of sucking oxygen up into the air.

Asked about reports of an "asphyxiation bomb" he said they could also be referring to napalm

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Leyland shares suspended as Ryder report is awaited

Dealings in British Leyland shares were suspended on The Stock Exchange yesterday at the company's request. This followed a meeting during the day between Lord Stokes, chairman of Leyland, and Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, to discuss the controversial Ryder report on the motor group. Mr Benn will disclose details of the report today. A major financial reconstruction of the group is expected with the Government taking a stake in Leyland in return for financial support.

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Steel chief clashes with Mr Benn on job cuts

By Peter Hill

Plans for big cutbacks involving more than 20,000 British Steel Corporation workers and an attack on the state policy towards the steel industry have sparked a row between the British Steel Corporation and the Government.

Sir Monty Finniston, The BSC chairman, has outlined the state steel undertaking's plans for a drastic pruning of its 220,000 labour force to achieve greater efficiency and profitability for the BSC.

The corporation chairman, who has made no secret of his displeasure at the Government's intervention on the corporation's development programme, expressed serious concern at the state plans for the National Enterprise Board and its implications for the steel industry.

Last night his outspoken comments prompted Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, to consider a strongly worded retort amid calls for Sir Monty's resignation and for a Commons debate on the steel industry.

Union leaders, who have been given some idea of the scale of cutbacks envisaged in talks at plant and divisional level in the past few weeks, reacted strongly. When they meet the BSC for talks on their annual wage claim early next month, they can be expected to contest the plan vigorously.

Their opposition will be strengthened further in view of the continued upward trend in unemployment levels, and by Sir Monty's suggestions that the corporation was not prepared to grant large wage increases.

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rice hypermarket planned

leading companies industry, Sainsbury Home Stores, are to w joint company to ypermarkets selling own-label groceries alongside BHS Prova brand clothing and household goods. The new company, as yet unnamed, will seek planning permission for its first hypermarket within a few weeks.

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United reached the e European Cup by -1 in Barcelona last rin 3-2 on aggregate e Derby County won e championship when Ipswich Town drew 1-1 with Manchester City. Chelsea barely helped the relegation cause by drawing 1-1 with Sheffield United. Other results: Sheffield Wednesday 0, Aston Villa 4; Hereford 2, Charlton 2.

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Police open fire on crowd in African township

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, April 23

An African was killed and seven were wounded when police opened fire at Katatura township outside Windhoek, South-west Africa, today. More than 200 people were arrested.

According to the police, the trouble started when large numbers of Ovambos refused to show their identity documents as they left a hostel to go to work.

A mob of more than 1,000 attacked a small party of police and officials and stoned them, a police spokesman said.

Strike averted

Leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen yesterday failed to get an executive majority for a recommendation to call for a national rail strike in support of their pay claim. The claim will now go to arbitration, as agreed earlier.

Youths out of work may get welfare jobs

Youngsters out of work may be given community service jobs to keep them off the streets, the new Manpower Services Commission said in its annual report, published yesterday. It is discussing "work creation schemes" with local authorities and the Government.

If approved, the scheme could start before next winter.

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Queen to open Olympics

The Queen is to open the Olympic Games in Montreal next year, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. She has been invited by the organizing committee to open them on July 17.

The Duke of Edinburgh is also to go to the Games in his capacity as president of the Federation Equestre Internationale.

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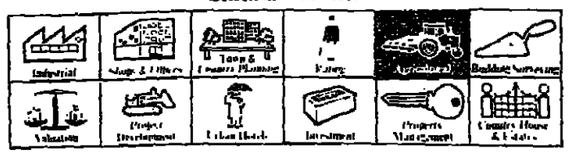

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Coroner's warning on exorcism after misadventure verdict

A verdict of misadventure was recorded yesterday at the inquest on Mrs Christine Taylor, aged 29, the mother of five children, who was killed by her husband a few hours after he had taken part in an exorcism ceremony.

At Leeds Crown Court on March 25 Mr Michael Taylor, aged 31, was found not guilty of her murder, because of insanity, and was sent to Broadmoor.

Mr Philip Gill, the coroner, told the inquest at Wakefield: "There is no criminal element in this at all."

He said that before events starting on August 24 Mr Taylor was a normal, healthy, hard-working member of society. But at times he tended to be depressed because of his inability to get a job because of a back injury.

"As a result of that, and with the best of intentions, a number of people, friends of his, were anxious to bring him into fellowship and friendship.

"A meeting was arranged at their house, and the history of the tragic events that followed culminated in the death of Mrs Taylor 12 days later in circumstances that I can only describe as appalling horror." There had been evidence that Mr Taylor needed urgent psychiatric help.

"There is one message which comes out very, very clearly: this must never be allowed to happen again. But it could unless the warnings are heeded and action taken.

"I hope that those who are involved in these activities, and I don't decry them, or criticize them in any way, will realize that they can be a source of emotional disturbance and tension for those who are perhaps new to those surroundings and inexperienced in what is going on."

Mr Gill said spiritual difficulties should not be dealt with by people without specific training and careful preparation.

There were four lessons to be learnt. Exorcism was recognized as part of the Church's ministry, but it could have dangers associated with it.

"Those who dabble in it without experience are playing with fire."

Secondly, those involved in exorcism should not exclude the possibility that there was a medical element in the problem. They must be prepared to seek medical advice and to establish cooperation with the medical profession.

Thirdly, exorcism must be performed only be those carefully trained and properly schooled in the work.

The fourth lesson was the danger on occasions "when emotion may be high in religious gatherings; where people newly introduced to religious matters find themselves perhaps overwhelmed by the intense faith and conviction of those around them".

It was clear that Mr Taylor had no criminal or evil intent towards his wife. "He was trying to relieve her of the evil he saw in her."

The Rev Peter Vincent, Vicar of St Thomas's, Gawber, near Barnsley, who took part in the exorcism, was questioned earlier by Mr Morris Shaffner, representing the West Yorkshire Police.

Mr Shaffner said that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, had said in a television interview on Tuesday night that exorcism should be carried out under the authority of the church.

Mr Vincent replied: "I have the authority of the New Testament and the Lord Jesus Christ." He added that his wife, Sally, the Rev Raymond Smith, a Barnsley Methodist minister, and his wife, Margaret, who were also at the ceremony, had "the same authority as members of the one church of God".

Mr Shaffner suggested that Mr Taylor was much worse after the exorcism than before. "When he left you at 8 o'clock on the Sunday morning you firmly believed he was going to kill his wife?"

Mr Vincent replied: "Yes. By 7 am I think it was Margaret Smith that said she had a word from the Lord that the spirit of murder was going to break out, and I think she referred to Christine. Almost at the same time my wife realized the same thing, and so did Raymond Smith.

"The first thing my wife did was to ring our doctor. But we did not want Michael to get the knowledge that we were telephoning in case he took flight at once."

There was an "unobtainable" signal. They then tried to get the Medical Officer of Health for West Yorkshire

"The MoH said he was unable to attend the Taylors' home without the approval or knowledge of the Taylors' general practitioner", Mr Vincent said.

Mrs Taylor said she would not be separated from her husband, although she would agree for the children to be taken into care.

Mr Vincent said Mrs Julia Gilby, a teacher, of Westfield Terrace, Wakefield, who had tried to approach the Medical Officer of Health at the exorcism team's request, then telephoned the West Yorkshire police. But they felt that was something to be dealt with by the medical profession.

Det Chief Supt Ronald Sills, of West Yorkshire Police, said that he was satisfied that the police had done all they could. The call had described Mr Taylor only as "Mike" and gave an imprecise address.

5 university students expelled for sit-in

Lancaster University has decided to expel five students, including Mr Richard Soper, the students' union president, for taking part in a 12-day sit-in at the university last term.

Twenty-three students have been fined between £10 and £30. Of those, eight have also been sent down for a year, with the sentences on three suspended for a year. Two students have been reprimanded. The cases against three others were not proved.

The sentences are in a five-page report from the senate disciplinary committee set up at the end of last term to deal with students who took part in the protests, which arose over the alleged victimization of a student rent striker. All but two of the students involved refused to recognize the committee.

The report says one member of staff was bruised when the occupation started, and when it ended the administration building was left in a deplorable state with damage estimated at £1,700.

"The occupation was clearly aimed at causing the maximum disruption to the university in the shortest possible time. It was a deliberate and provocative flouting of the rules of the university," the report says.

Mr Soper said he thought the penalties were very severe, and that the report was superficial. "It makes no effort to consider the underlying causes of the disruption", he said.

Mr Charles Carter, the vice-chancellor, said he was anxious to have a discussion with the students. The sentences were the result of a legal process, and he was not in a position to negotiate over them but students had the right of appeal to a university committee.

Dr Peter Walker, secretary of the Lancaster Association of University Teachers, said he was surprised and sorry at the severity of the sentences. "The general feeling was that things were going to calm down", he said. His union has threatened to strike if there is more trouble at the university.

Alleged £50,000 for principal's house questioned

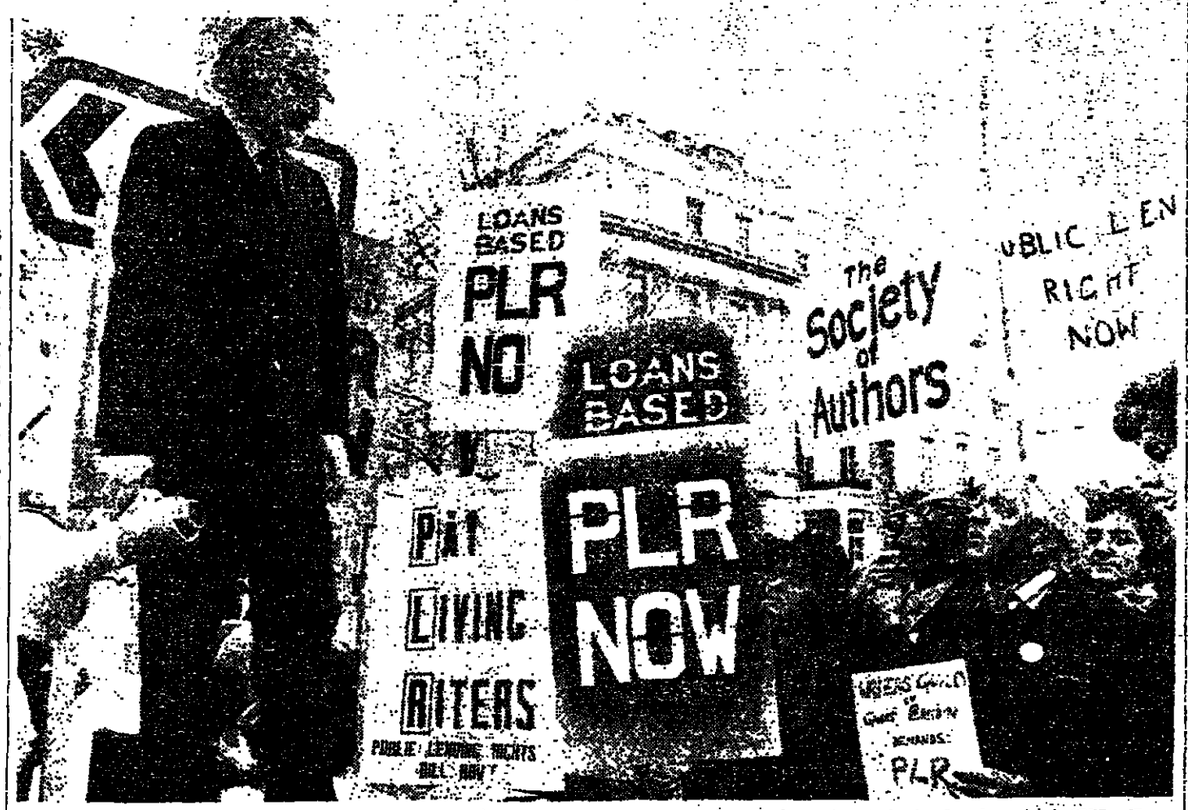
An urgent meeting of Edinburgh University's non-teaching staffs council is to be called to investigate the alleged expenditure of £50,000 on renovating a Georgian house as an official residence for Sir Hugh Robson, the principal, while many other university projects are being cut back

Representatives of the trade unions and of Edinburgh University students' association said at a news conference that the figure was probably an underestimate, and that the expenditure had been decided on administratively, without the knowledge of any university committee.

Mr Derek Ogg, president of the students' association said: "We are concerned about secret decisions being taken by university mandarins not responsible to anyone."

Mr Anthony Martin, universities officer of the National Union of Public Employees, said they would ask about other items of university expenditure, apparently made without the knowledge of the University court. They thought the spending on the principal's house was "the tip of the iceberg".

Unions employed on the scheme estimated that £15,000 was spent on electrical work, £5,000 on the kitchen, and £6,000 for carpets, as well as provision made for a three-car garage.



Authors angered: Mr Jenkins, the minister with responsibility for the arts (left), faced angry banner-waving authors, among them Mr Angus Wilson (right) outside his ministry in Belgrave Square, London, yesterday to explain a further delay in passing public lending right legislation (our Arts Reporter writes). Demonstrators from the Society of Authors, the Writers' Action Group and the Writers' Guild included Lady Antonia Fraser, Lord Longford, Mr Frank Muir, and Miss Dilys Powell. Mr Jenkins told them that tests were to be carried out, the results of which would be known in September, so that legislation would include the method to be used. After his departure, Miss Brigid Brophy said a loan-based scheme had operated successfully in Sweden since 1955. Tests were not needed. "The patience of authors is the only thing that remains to be tested", she said amid cheering. Lord Willis said: "The minister's explanation is as straight as the North Circular Road. In May or early June I shall lay before the Lords an authors' PLR Bill just to show the Government what kind of legislation we want."

Pyrrhic wi for AUEV moderates debate

From Our Labour Staff
Blackpool

The first moves tow pay claim for rises of p 43 per cent for three employees in engineeri shipbuilding were made day by the Amalg Union of Engineering Wo

Militants in the policy-making national c tee, meeting at Bla withdrew a demand for basic wage for craftsme year in the face of pi from moderates for the to specify merely "subst increases.

However, the Governme take scant comfort from was a Pyrrhic victor moderation. Speaker speaker in the fou debate said they regard £60, which would repre rise of 43 per cent craftsmen's rate, as a mir and that it might be ou by inflation

Although some del appealed for a responsibl tude to the social co communists and other lef speakers showed that regarded the wage campa a preliminary to a wider ical struggle.

The conference voted to 1 to accept a pay offer the Engineering Empl Federation that will add cent to minimum rates the next year, bringing craftsmen's rate to £42.

'Seized tape' played by Provisionals

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

In an attempt to embarrass the Government, leading members of Provisional Sinn Fein yesterday invited journalists to hear a tape recording allegedly made as part of a recent military intelligence operation. They said it was seized from an unmarked white van which was being driven by a plain-clothes soldier who was shot and wounded in Falls Road last Saturday. The Northern Ireland Office has denied that he was a spy, explaining that he was on "routine administrative duties" in support of those concerned with checking that the ceasefire was being maintained.

Although in no way supporting allegations that the soldier was part of an SAS "murder squad", the tape illustrates the strict level of surveillance being carried out on republicans despite the ceasefire.

The recorder seized from the Army van is an expensive miniature one. Because much of the information was recorded while the van was moving, the quality is poor.

It is not certain whether the wounded soldier is the man whose North Country voice can be heard describing in detail the movements of more than 30 Belfast republicans. Much of the recording uses codes invented for the undercover squads.

Some subjects, such as Mr Seamus Loughran, northern organizer of Sinn Fein, are described with their proper names, other are referred to in such codes as "Delta Nine" and "X-ray 21" presumably linked with the Army's computerized intelligence records.

The Sinn Fein incident centre in Falls Road is mentioned frequently on the tape, referred to as "Lincolnshire", and reports are filed on the identities of men going in and out.

Mr Frank Card, director of the republican press centre, said he had been authorized to play the tapes by the Provisional IRA to disprove denials that the shot soldier was on intelligence duties. A demand that the undercover surveillance squads should be withdrawn is likely to be made by the Sinn Fein members responsible for negotiating the ceasefire.

Since the shooting occurred, British officials have been concerned lest it should permanently damage the fragile truce, but there has been no indication of this from the Provisionals. Last night neither the Army nor the Northern Ireland Office would comment on the contents of the tape.

Boy aged 10 mutilated by Belfast nail bomb

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast

Doctors were working last night to save the life of a Roman Catholic boy aged 10 who was mutilated in a brutal sectarian murder attempt in Belfast.

The boy, Tony Meli, and three of his younger brothers were taken to hospital after a nail-bomb concealed in a pocket transistor radio had exploded as they were eating their breakfast yesterday morning.

The police issued a warning that similar bombs concealed in radios might be circulating

The bomb was left in a fish-and-chip café in Springfield Road, a Catholic area, on Tuesday evening. The café is owned by Mr Tony Meli, aged 39, the father of six children, who all live behind the premises.

Mr Meli put the radio on one side, thinking the owner would return to collect it. Then yesterday morning, Tony, the eldest son, took it into the living room to play with during breakfast.

As soon as he turned the switch, the radio exploded and blasted nails into the faces and bodies of four of the children, Tony, Umberto, aged 9, Roy 8, and Gary, 5. The youngest left hospital later and the condition of the two other brothers was said to be comfortable.

The oldest of the four took the full force of the blast, and last night he was reported to have lost a hand and an eye. The hospital said he was critically ill.

Mr Meli was upstairs when the bomb went off. He said later: "When I heard the bang I rushed down and found blood everywhere. Tony looked as though he had lost both his arms, and the others were badly cut."

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

In Dundalk, a joint meeting of representatives of the Roman Catholic church and the Irish Council of Churches has called for an immediate end to internment. A report of a working party criticized the Government for not applying detention impartially and for failing to prevent the initial use of "interrogation in depth" techniques.

The working party included Cardinal Conway, Primate of All Ireland, the Rev A. J. Weir, a Presbyterian minister from Belfast, Methodists, Quakers, and members of the Church of Ireland. Its call comes at a time when the standing of the churches has been raised by their part in the delicate negotiations leading to the present ceasefire.

Sentences on ex-catering chiefs suspend

Two former Birmin corporation catering man were given suspended p sentences at Birmingham C Court yesterday for what J Ross, QC, called a "sh little fraud".

Geofrey Joseph Roug aged 44, a former Birmin catering department ge manager, of Longdon F Knowle, West Midlands, an outside catering manager, Norman Charles Hayes, age of Seddecci Mill, Chadde Corbett, near Kiddermin both changed their plea guilty yesterday and admi conspiring to steal food, d and money from the city.

Mr Roughley also adm stealing four refrigera belonging to the city and st ing money. Mr Hayes earlier changed his plea guilty on six charges of forg and theft of refrigerators money.

Mr Roughley was given an months' jail sentence, pended for two years, fi £2,600 and ordered to pay £4, costs. Mr Hayes was given a month sentence, suspended two years, fined £1,725 ordered to pay £2,000 costs compensation of £1,775.

Mr Peyton sounds Conservative rallying call for the next election

By Our Political Editor

The possible imminence of another general election infused the speech made by Mr John Peyton, shadow Leader of the House, when he addressed yesterday, with appropriate Disraelian allusions, "the annual grand habitation meeting" of the Primrose League, in London.

Labour, he said, was in office largely because the British people were not prepared to face the agonizing question of who was going to run the country's affairs. The Labour Government yielded to no one in its desire to win approval and applause, particularly from those who were not only able to threaten but had the capacity to bring Britain to her knees. The Government's instinct was to prefer party unity to the honour and safety of the nation. It valued moderation only as a camouflage for extremism.

The pretence that all was well was maintained only by an eggshell veneer of conceit which enables us to avoid seeing too starkly the reality of things; Britain's debts, the erosion of the currency, the communist victory in South-east Asia and encroachment in Western Europe at a time when Britain was letting down her defences. To all that the Prime Minister could bring only an unfounded and fatuous optimism—"a week is a long time in politics"—that put him in Mr Micawber's class.

Mr Peyton then sounded the first trumpet call to battle for the next election. "The almost total failure of the doctrinaire profligate policies of the Labour Party is likely before long to place upon the Conservative Party a burden it will not be able to bear if it cannot bring new meaning to the assertion of Disraeli that "the Conservative Party is a national party or it is nothing".

People had to be persuaded, first that the warnings were justified and the perils real; secondly, that what they did or did not do would be decisive; and lastly the phrases about caring actually meant something and involved not just one section but everyone.

The Conservative Party should do more than talk of a property-owning democracy. They should remember that the way to put the class system behind them was to remove its envious sting and spr ownership as widely as sible.

Mr Peyton said he did believe for a moment more than a tiny numbe people would, given the ch opt for extremist policies. Conservative Party had unite the rest not merel resistance to such policies in an awareness that if were so minded they c quite easily break down barrier of apathy and di sion which separated from the confidence of world and, more impo from their own self-respect

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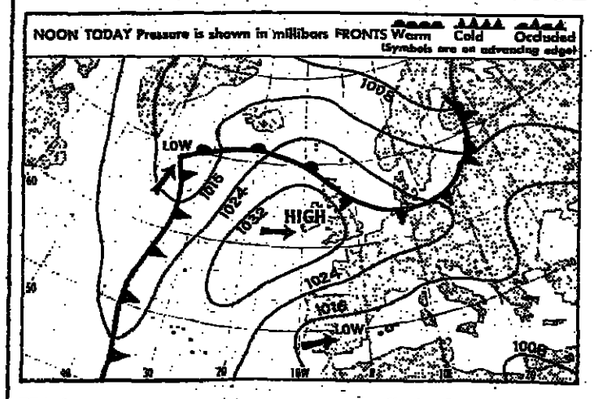

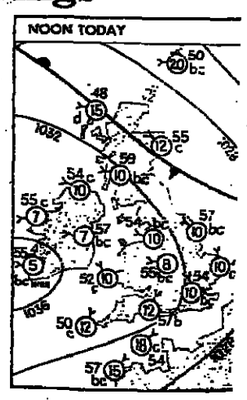

Today

Sun rises: 5.48 am Sun sets: 8.11 pm

Moon sets: 4.46 am Moon rises: 6.54 pm

Full moon: Tomorrow

Lighting up: 8.41 pm to 5.16 am.

High water: London Bridge, 1.2 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 1.37 pm, 7.3m (23.8ft). Avonmouth, 6.46 am, 13.1m (43.0ft); 7.13 pm, 13.3m (43.7ft). Dover, 10.38 am 6.6m (21.5ft); 10.59 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Hull, 5.41 am, 7.1m (23.2ft); 5.52 pm, 7.4m (24.3ft). Liverpool, 10.48 am, 9.3m (30.5ft); 11.14 pm, 9.4m (30.8ft).

An anticyclone over SW Ireland is almost stationary; a ridge extends across England and Wales to the Continent.

Area forecasts:

London, central S, central N England, Midlands: Cloudy start, sunny spells developing; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

SE England, East Anglia: Cloudy with fog patches, especially near coasts, bright or sunny intervals well inland later; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 13°C (55°F) inland; 9°C (48°F) on coasts.

E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland, Aberdeen: Bright or sunny at first, becoming cloudy; wind N light, becoming NW moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F) inland; 9°C (48°F) near coasts.

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy start with mist or fog patches, sunny spells later; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 15°C (59°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy start, mist or fog persisting on windward coasts, sunny spells developing elsewhere; wind NW, light or moderating; max temp 15°C (59°F) SW, NW Scotland, Gla central Highlands, Moray Argyll: Variable cloud, sun tervals; wind W, moderate temp 12°C (54°F).

Caithness, Orkney, She Cloudy, occasional rain; wi moderate or fresh; max tem (48°F).

Outlook for tomorrow Saturday: Little change.

Yesterday

London: Temp: Max 7 an pm, 16°C (61°F); min 7 7 am, 10°C (50°F). Humic pm, 59 per cent. Rain, 2 7 pm, Nil. Sun, 24hr to 3.0hr. Bar, mean sea level; 1,030.0 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Beirut	s	28	82	Florence	s	23	73	Luxembrg	s	16	61
Belfast	c	13	55	Funchal	s	19	66	Madrid	s	30	86
Berlin	c	15	59	Geneva	s	23	73	Majorca	s	21	70
Biarritz	c	18	64	Gibraltar	f	26	79	Malaga	s	24	75
Birmingha	s	16	61	Guernsey	s	14	57	Malta	s	25	77
Bristol	r	14	57	Helsinki	r	14	57	Manchstr	c	15	59
Brussels	r	15	59	Innsbruck	s	16	61	Moscow	s	20	68
Budapest	c	24	75	Istanbul	s	26	79	Munich	s	19	66
Cardiff	s	17	63	Jersey	r	16	61	Naples	r	22	72
Nice	s	20	68
Nicosia	s	30	86
Oslo	s	11	52
Paris	s	14	57
Reykjavik	c	4	39
Rome	s	22	72
Salisbury	s	15	59
Stockholm	c	11	52
Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Venice	s	20	68
Vienna	c	16	61
Warsaw	s	19	66
Zurich	s	17	63

Overseas selling prices: Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, F Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fm France, Fr 2.50; Germany, DM Greece, Dr 20; Holland, Dfl Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, Madeira, Esc 15; Malta, 5c Nr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50 Pts 50; Sweden, Skr 3.50; Swit Sfr 2.50.

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In a paper to the session on the day care of children, Mr Chaplin said that it was necessary to ask whether existing provision was really attracting the children in greatest need, as the disadvantaged might be less likely to seek or to use what was provided.

That was true of apathetic, inadequate and disorganized parents. Too frequently day care had been developed with the minimum involvement of parents. There was often conflict among social service staff about that, with inexperienced but well-meaning staff tending to take over from parents. That might be detrimental to the child, particularly at a time of growing concern about the quality of substitute care. Frequent changes of social service staff and an increasing number of part-time staff were bewildering to a child.

Professor Paul Turner, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, told a session of the congress that there had been an explosion of duplicate drugs in recent years. There was no justification, he said, for the promotion of drugs with properties that did not differ significantly from those already available.

Mr Ernest Ibbetson, St Albans museum caretaker, with two of the 150 orange frogs he has bred at Wheathampstead.

QC fears powers in Community Land Bill

By John Young
Planning Reporter

Grave misgivings about the sweeping powers contained in the Community Land Bill, and about the ability of the courts to provide adequate safeguards, were expressed yesterday by Mr David Widdicombe, QC.

"It is no exaggeration to say that, when the Bill becomes law, the Secretary of State will become a veritable dictator of development", he told a conference in London organized by the Centre for Advanced Land Use Studies.

"It is no good looking to the courts for control over these powers", he continued. "In one section, dealing with land acquisition and management schemes, the courts are expressly excluded, and the other discretions are so widely and unconditionally drafted that the courts are effectively excluded."

Mr Widdicombe is one of a small group of barristers specializing in planning matters, and is a familiar figure at public inquiries. His strictures are certain to add considerable weight to the widespread criticism directed at the Bill.

"As a lawyer and student of our constitutional history, I find this Bill profoundly disturbing", he said. "In effect it gives complete power over the ownership and use of development land to the administrative authorities."

An owner would be at the entire mercy of those authorities and would have no effective rights of objection or defence to the taking of his land.

Miss Goodbody took own life

Dr Douglas Chambers, the St Pancras Coroner, said at the resumed inquest yesterday on Miss Mary Anne ("Buzz") Goodbody, aged 28, the stage director, that she had left copious notes making it clear that she intended to cause her death by taking a mixture of two sleeping tablets.

He said the style of at least one of the notes led him to the conclusion that she was not in a normal state of mind at the time. He recorded a verdict that she took her life while the balance of her mind was disturbed.

MP ordered to rest

Mr William Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, has been ordered by his doctor to rest for 10 days.

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Bernstein, aged 76, of the Granada tele- d leisure group, was £35,000 libel damages ligh Court yesterday ticle in *The Observer* claimed, depicted him ral figure in a share The jury took two reach a verdict, which imous.

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Ombudsman proposed for children

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

A Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman) should be created to safeguard children's interests and to settle disputes between children and their parents, a report by Justice, the all-party lawyers' body, proposes.

The report, published yesterday, makes recommendations designed to ensure that the child's welfare remains first and paramount, whatever the issue involved. The policy to be pursued should be one that would result in the least psychological harm to the child.

The Ombudsman, who would be part of a "family court", would act on behalf of the child in custody suits between the parents. He would have the duty of instructing lawyers to represent the child's interests in a court case, independently of the adults, or other agencies, such as the local authority, involved.

Justice emphasizes that separate representation for the child is essential. "When the child's welfare is in the balance, there is no room for incompetence", it says. "In any custody suit, whether parents are battling against each other or against the state, the interests of the child cannot be presumed to coincide with those of either disputant.

"Because a child has direct personal interest in the proceedings, and his rights may be adversely affected by it, he needs the help of a lawyer (instructed by a competent spokesman) whose only goal is adequate representation of his interests." Separate legal representation should be given to a child not only in custody cases but also in any other proceedings affecting his welfare.

The report, which was prepared by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC, emphasizes the concept of parental duties rather than parental rights.

It proposes a "visiting code" to be given at the end of a case to estranged, separated or divorced parents, so that their children can have the benefit of both parents' affection and love. Both parents should accept that visits are primarily the right of the child and not of the parent.

The blood-tie should not necessarily give the "natural" parent precedence in custody cases. Tribunals should evaluate critically the child's relationship with foster-parents as well as the one he has with his biological parents.

The report also calls for precedence to be given by the courts to all proceedings involving children, especially custody cases. "We think it quite wrong to decide questions of divorce, a separation, property and maintenance without first deciding what is to happen to the children involved", it says.

A departmental committee should be appointed by the Secretaries of State for Social Services and for Home Affairs to review family law in general and the law relating to children in particular.

Parental Rights and Duties und Custody Suits. Stevens & Sons (Obtainable from Justice, 12 Crane Court, Fleet Street, London, EC4, £1.50)

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New centre tackles failures of old borstal system

From Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Leicester

Probation officers were locked in the cells recently at Glen Parva borstal, Leicester, wearing trainees' uniforms, as part of an experiment that seeks to remedy weaknesses in the penal system.

The officers were on a joint course with prison officers at Glen Parva, Britain's largest establishment for young offenders, which was opened yesterday by Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary.

The idea was to give probation officers a taste of what life is like for a trainee: they were treated as trainees for two days and nights.

Their experience was less disturbing than it might have been in some places. For instance, Glen Parva is one of the first penal establishments with lavatories in the cells.

The course sets out to create greater cooperation between probation and prison officers, between whom there is often antipathy.

Yet surveys cited at Leicester have shown that more than three-fifths of prison officers regard themselves as more like probation officers than like policemen.

To break down the artificial barriers between them, probation officers will discuss cases inside Glen Parva, and prison officers will write reports as probation officers do.

Glen Parva, which was operating with 175 trainees before its official opening, offers a refreshing contrast to the pessimism that surrounds many borstals. Four out of five boys aged 16 discharged from borstals in 1970 were convicted again within two years, most of them within nine months. Half were sent back to borstal.

What makes Glen Parva different is the extent of community involvement. Boys are drawn from the local area as well as from elsewhere, and Glen Parva is next door to houses and shops.

Families outside "adopt" boys in Glen Parva who have no home contact. A fifth have little or no support from their families.

The boys sign a contract once they and the officers agree on the training programme suitable for them as individuals. They are then organized into group workshops in which one officer has particular responsibility for six trainees. The intention is to get the boys committed to training and involve the local community, from which many people come to give support.

Moreover, Glen Parva, when completed, probably in 1977 or 1978, will be ready to adopt more of the Advisory Committee on the Penal System's ideas on young offenders, once they are accepted.

The 31-acre site will include the secure training borstal for 300 young offenders, a remand and assessment centre for 300 young men awaiting trial, and a hospital providing medical and psychiatric care for 80 patients, including some from other local establishments.

There were hopes among staff that Glen Parva would not be called a borstal at all since it provides a chance for a new start in treating young offenders, building on past mistakes. However, until Parliament agrees to the Advisory Council's ideas "borstal" it will remain. Yet perhaps it contains the seeds that will help to overcome at least some of the system's previous failures. A sixth of the boys at Glen Parva have been in borstal before.

No menace to freedom of editors, NUJ chief says

Nowhere had the National Union of Journalists set out to interfere with an editor's freedom to edit, the union's president, Mr Ivan Peebles, told its annual conference yesterday.

"What it does try to do, however, is all it can to prevent an editor, or anyone else, from doing the work of its members who are driven to strike."

Mr Peebles spoke of "ballyhoo" about the Bill to give unions the right to a closed shop, and editors have attacked it as a threat to press freedom.

Mr Peebles, referring to a wage campaign when some members blacklisted non-NUJ articles, said: "Fair-minded members accept that the blind exclusion of all non-journalistic contributions could mean the intellectual suicide of high grade papers. This was never intended, as far as I am aware."

He said the editors' concern was less with an imagined threat to press freedom than with the union's determination to restore real trade union freedom.

Many newspapers already had total NUJ membership, but "no instance of censorship by the union is known to me".

The union had long-term debts of about £300,000, and he supported the executive's call to raise subscriptions by at least half.

The conference should have started on Tuesday, but the Cardiff City Hall was being picketed by striking electricians, so the NUJ moved to the Centre Hotel.

But yesterday an anonymous telephone caller told the fire brigade that the room was overcrowded.

Later it was announced that the conference would move to a lecture theatre attached to the National Museum of Wales.

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BBC 'should devolve to serve regional interests'

Broadcasting in the North-west lacks adequate buildings, equipment, staff, resources and finance, the BBC's North-west Regional Advisory Council says in its submission to the Annan committee on the future of broadcasting. It lays the blame on mistakes made during the past 50 years.

The council, chaired by Professor Graham Ashworth, of Salford University, had 17 members including housewives, journalists and doctors.

The report favours devolution by the BBC. It says that decision-making is largely taken by a few people in London and reflects a metropolitan attitude that bears little relation to, or understanding of, the regional richness and variety outside the South-east.

The council says that "too often it seems as though criticism and comment, though couched in constructive terms and intended to result in improvement, are received by the BBC as carping and hypercritical".

It recommends that the three network production centres for the BBC in Britain should be scrapped and their staff and facilities redeployed to serve regional broadcasting.

Three murder charges

Patrick David Mackay, aged 22, of Great North Road, East Finchley, London, was remanded in custody for a week, by magistrates at Gravesham, Kent, yesterday charged with murdering Father Anthony Joseph Crean at Shorne, Kent, and two elderly women at their homes in Belgravia and Chelsea. He was also accused of robbing two women.

Oyster farms produce abundant harvest

From Ronald Faux
Arduaine, Argyll

The seabed of Loch Melfort in Argyll will soon yield its first great harvest of 500,000 farmed oysters. Forty feet down in the clear, fish-rich waters, divers are to collect the batches of marketable oysters bound for tables in Helsinki and possibly to buyers in France, Belgium, West Germany and Russia.

By next year the group of seafarmers expect to have 1,250,000 Pacific oysters, which they have reared from pinhead size, ready for the market. A company, Western Aquaculture, is one of the sea-farming organizations the Government has helped to promote through the Highlands and Islands Development Board. While the divers tend the seabed shells of oysters, another firm, Gateway West, also government-assisted, adds 250 tons of "factory" bred rainbow trout production to help in pointing to Argyll's growing significance as a fish-farming area.

Mr Niall Ian McLean, leader of the local tourist organization, said: "It has always been superb. The Gulf Stream spreads around the coast and brings in just about every kind of fish at one time or another. Children here grow sickened with salmon and lobster. The whole county abounds in protein."

Argyll is attempting to put home-grown protein on the European market on a much larger scale. Deep-freeze lorries of increasingly great size make the winding journey to the small fishing ports along the Argyll coast to pick up the entire catches from some boats.

Mr Jim Mallows, sales manager for Western Aquaculture, said: "Look at the oysters. We have to take them away from this lonely countryside to restaurants in Finland or Paris within 10 hours." He admitted that they were a luxury food, although the French consumed them in enormous quantities. Even Argyll folk approach them cautiously.

Out of their shells they looked ugly but the company was trying to overcome that by using bread crumbs as a cosmetic for the raw oyster meat, deep-freezing the result and marketing them in bags. Their oyster farm is claimed to be the only one of its kind in Europe. The oysters sit on shelves feeding on the Gulf Stream plankton.

But rearing and marketing shell fish remains a risky business. Some pioneers in Argyll suffered from voracious cannibal lobsters and self-destructive scallops. One buyer recalled a £20,000 experiment to breed scallops. "It lasted seven years and produced one enormous scallop which the directors called Fred and ceremoniously ate."

For the trout-breeder the risks seem even greater. Mr Wallace Fairweather, managing director of Gateway West, said: "If there is a power cut—we have had nine since January—we have six minutes to get the emergency supply going or we lose the entire stock." Later disease and predators can threaten the operation.

The oyster and the trout-breeders complain that there is not enough legal protection covering their operations. Fish farming did not get the protection from the law that ordinary farmers received.

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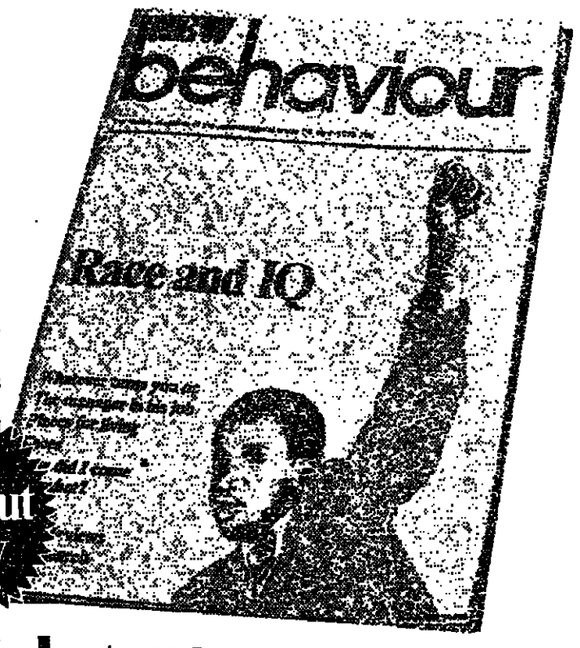

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Ratepayers in court battle with council

By Arthur Osman

The National Association of Ratepayers' Action Groups, which emerged as a potent force from last year's countrywide anger about increased rate levels, has chosen the ground for its first large concerted legal protest.

It has served on 58 local authorities a request on behalf of ratepayers that councils should institute local independent inquiries into spending and staffing levels. If they fail to do that, and those who have responded so far have refused to do so, the notice says that members of action groups, estimated at about a million, will be advised to pay no more than 40 per cent of the 1973-74 rate level.

Furthermore, they would consider themselves to be "aggrieved" persons under chapter nine, part one, of the General Rate Act, 1967, and would appeal accordingly to a Crown Court. The section of the Act specifically allows right of appeal to any person "who is aggrieved by any neglect, act or thing done or not done" by the local rating authority.

The first such appeal has been lodged at Westminster Crown Court by Mr Michael Moseley, a businessman of Osterley, Middlesex, who is rated by Hounslow Borough Council, where there is a 50.09 per cent increase. He is a leading member of the local Ratepayers' Action Group with an estimated 7,000 membership. While his appeal is waiting to be heard, at a date yet to be fixed, all members of every ratepayers' group in the country, counsel has advised, can withhold any increase in their rates.

Mr Moseley said yesterday that his ratepayers' group had put a seven-point plan to Hounslow council and had called for an independent inquiry into local spending, but had been refused. The costs of the appeal, which might run to between £3,000 and £4,000, would be borne by the local group, whose membership fee is 50p a head.

Mr John Wilks, a leading member of the national association's executive said yesterday: "We have heard that the Government is trying to introduce legislation to counter this particular section of the General Rate Act. If this is so, we in our turn have an number of actions to hand and several other strategies to employ."

Mrs Betty Armstrong, of Formby, Merseyside, another member of the executive, described the strategies as having "a considerable but legal sting in the tail". The national association has spent a year assembling its organization and developing its muscles to a point where it is confident that it can challenge national and local authorities on the whole rates issue.

The ratepayers' group at Bolton, Greater Manchester, formulated the pilot strategy and had intended to fight the first appeal action, but its local council, after receiving the notice of intent, was prevailed upon to reduce its rates from a proposed increase of 23 per cent to only 6 per cent.

In addition to the "Bolton strategy" a second line of protest is being developed with groups giving warning that they intend to challenge cases of alleged excesses in spending or staffing with the district auditor.

EEC REFERENDUM

TUC opposition to membership formally recorded but unions have freedom to disagree

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

The TUC has formally recorded its opposition to Britain's continued membership of the EEC in a nine-page statement being sent today to all member unions. The statement, approved by the TUC General Council yesterday will be backed by an intensive publicity campaign between now and referendum day.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary, introducing the document, said that not everyone in the union movement would agree with the TUC's attitude, and individual unions would be free to express their opinions. A minority of TUC unions remain in favour of membership.

On the other hand, Mr Murray admitted that some union leaders thought that the tone of the TUC document was too measured, and that it was too moderate in its condemnation of the EEC.

The TUC concludes that the renegotiated terms do not achieve enough.

No political dogma is involved in this conclusion and it has to be recognized that within the Labour movement views will differ as they will differ elsewhere. The TUC and the Labour Party have recognized that this must be so, and they seek only to ensure that discussion prior to the referendum in June should be free, frank and fully informed. Differences there may be, but not divisions.

It says this is a period when every effort is needed to secure the full benefits of policies and measures undertaken by a government of the people to regenerate our industry and our economy, to bring it within the control of our people, and through that to provide significant advances in our well being and our society.

Union opposition to the EEC has crystallized around four issues, the TUC adds: the structure and administration of the common agricultural policy: the effects the EEC can have on attempts to achieve more rapid industrial and social progress in Britain; the imperfections of equity involved in the relevant treaties and their operation; and the sovereignty of the British Parliament, with its consequent freedom of British industry and institutions.

The TUC admits that some of the original terms accepted by the Conservative Government have been improved by renegotiation. The British contribution to the EEC budget has been reduced, the EEC treaties are less rigid than was at first thought, the CAP has been modified, and there is some scope for individual governments to operate their own policies of regional and industrial development.

These are all gains when they are measured against the basic principle of the Common Market that freedom of competition, or alternatively of central regulation, should prevail.

The question is whether such gains can for this country outweigh the very serious impact which that principle, even as modified, has had and may in the future have on the interests of Britain.

The TUC is not convinced that the EEC structure, initially designed for countries in a different situation from the United Kingdom, has been sufficiently adapted to the pressing need for big steps forward in British industry and its productivity. Nor is it convinced that enough sovereignty will remain to Britain to allow the will of its people to prevail in their own affairs.

British trade unionists have not set their faces against forward-looking developments in Europe, the statement says. The TUC has been to the fore in setting up a representative body of almost all West European trade unionists, regardless of divisions which only a few years ago were regarded as permanent and inevitable.

Nor does the TUC reject political and economic cooperation for an end which, and by means which, the majority of the countries in Europe would find acceptable and welcome. Such issues are not at stake in the present debate. What is at stake is whether the character of the Common Market is such that the British people would want their country to belong to it, and whether the Government have succeeded in so altering the specific and the implied terms of membership that they are fair and beneficial and can be seen to be fair and beneficial to Britain.

In addition to the 25,000 copies of the statement being printed for distribution throughout the Labour movement, the TUC is producing a special edition of its own newspaper, *Labour*, next week, in which its objections will be set out.

Tory leader finds poll a strange paradox

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Calling attention to the strange paradox that the Labour Government was claiming to be the defender of parliamentary sovereignty yet was holding a referendum that denied Parliament the sovereignty it sought to preserve, Mrs Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party, said yesterday: "Lewis Carroll, thou shouldst be living at this hour. Wonderland has nothing on Wilson-land."

She thought that at a time when the nation needed the maximum stability the referendum was liable to create the maximum uncertainty. It was taking place when the Budget strategy was likely to be undermined by the provision in the social contract that those who negotiated on wages could recoup any increase in the cost of living however it occurred, when there was a 20 per cent rate of inflation, a rate of borrowing that was higher than anyone expected, and when we were doing a good deal less well than our competitors.

"I can only say that when I look at it in that light I find the prospects very worrying indeed", she said.

As a Conservative, she looked with some dispassionate amusement on a spectacle in which a device, the referendum, had been brought in to unite her opponents and yet had proved to be the means of dividing them and showing clearly their policy differences. There was colossal uncertainty about what would happen. "It would be very unwise for one to try to predict the result, because we have no means of judging", she told journalists and MPs at a Parliamentary Press Gallery luncheon.

The only hopeful thing is that on the whole referendums the world over have shown that the people, when they have to decide, are more conservative—with a small "c" and hopefully with the big "C"—than the government in power. They tend to show that people go for the status quo. It might be that Dicey was very far-sighted when discussing referendums and said that people are more conservative than the government.

Both financially and as far as the referendum was concerned, the nation was entering a difficult and dangerous time. Indeed you might say that the four horsemen of the socialist apocalypse—gambling, gimmick, gloom and greed—have this country by the throat. At the moment we have lost our way; I think we know this in our heart of hearts, and therefore a heavy responsibility rests upon you of the press to put the true facts and the choice before the people.

Mrs Thatcher said it would be ironic, and in a way constitutionally wrong, if after there had been a big majority in the Commons for staying in the EEC on the renegotiated terms, there was an adverse majority on a low poll in the referendum. "I do not think that would add to the distinction of the House: it would tend to detract from it", she said. "We are in totally unknown waters." The only analogy which I use when asked about this is to say that if we had had a referendum in 1936 about whether we should rearm or not, the chances are that the referendum would have said "No": would we then have been ready for the war when it came?

It was the statesman's job and his duty to look forward and estimate the consequences of a particular action. She did not accept that Conservatives should have nothing to do with the referendum. "We are bound to work for a really positive 'Yes' vote".

WEST EUROPE

Lisbon Socialists say they are victims of smear campaign

From Nicholas Ashford
Lisbon, April 23

Portugal's three-week election campaign drew to a noisy conclusion today amid allegations of a smear campaign against the Socialist Party and more outbreaks of violence in the north.

The campaign was due to finish at midnight tonight, allowing Portugal's six million voters 24 hours of "sober reflection" before casting their ballots in Friday's election for a constituent assembly. The final event of the campaign was a huge rally planned by the Communist Party in Lisbon tonight.

The rally, which was expected to be attended by up to 100,000 people, was designed to counteract a similar demonstration of popular support organized by the Socialist Party last Sunday.

The centre-left Popular Democratic Party (PPD) made its final appearance in the capital at a noisy meeting last night. About 20,000 supporters packed Lisbon's sports pavilion to hear Dr Francisco Balsemao, one of the party's leaders and editor of the independent weekly *Expresso*, predict a PPD victory at the polls.

The allegation of a smear campaign against the Socialists was made by the party's leader Dr Mario Soares, in a party political broadcast. Although he did not say so directly, he was understood to be referring to yesterday's report on the attempted coup of March 11. The report blamed certain "responsible political leaders" for creating an alarmist campaign which helped to prepare conditions for the coup attempt.

Members of the editorial board of *Expresso*, which was named in the report, today held a press conference to reject the findings of the commission investigating the attempted coup. Dr Balsemao gave a warning of a campaign of attacks against the paper.

"It was a critical hour for *Expresso*", he said. The "climate being built up around us" could restrict the paper's freedom of comment. In the north of Portugal it was the turn of the conservative Centre Democratic Social Party (CDS) to go onto the offensive. Late last night party supporters wielding knives, sticks and iron bars broke up a Communist Party meeting in Trofa, near Oporto.

About ten people were injured. The meeting was being addressed by Senhor Adelino Goncalves, a former Minister of Labour and a leader of the powerful bankworkers union. Among those taken to hospital was a Communist Party candidate standing in Oporto.

Earlier this week a CDS meeting was broken up by left-wing demonstrators in Guimaraes, north of Oporto. Other CDS meetings have also come under attack, as have ones being held by the Communist Party.

Meanwhile, a forecast that "non-progressive political parties" will fade away during the three to five-year transitional period when the armed forces will remain in power was made today by a leading member of the Armed Forces Movement. Commander Ramiro Correia, who is in charge of the "cultural dynamization" campaign which is designed to politicize villagers in rural areas, said that these parties "would eventually be reduced to their leaders". He did not identify which parties he was referring to, but it is certain that they would include the CDS.

He said these parties would no longer be required once the people had been "enlightened".

The commander added that Friday's elections were a fundamental part of the democratic process taking place in Portugal and he urged people not to abstain. However, to cast a blank vote was to "participate actively in the election", he said.

Mr Henry Cotton, the former British golf champion who is golf manager at the Penina hotel in the Algarve, has become the latest foreigner to fall foul of the workers' committees that have sprung up all over Portugal. He said today that he had been locked out of his golf shop and office by the workers' committee who had accused him of being a capitalist.

Rio de Janeiro, April 23.—The former Portuguese President, General Antonio de Spinola, today called the report on the abortive coup "a model of falsehood".

"The old technique used by communist parties always to report the expedient of falsehood to attain their objectives is already amply known by international public opinion and the present report is perfectly placed in this framework of action", he told the morning newspaper *O Globo*. "In this document, you can identify with ease the real causes of the coup and counter-coup. The conclusions of this report are a model of falsehood."—AP.

£1,550m plan to aid French economy

Paris, April 23.—Presi Giscard d'Estaing said t that the French Govern would spend 15,500m fr (£1,550m) in an effort to France's economy out of doldrums and combat u ployment.

In a televized address said that the programme w boost the country's produ capacity and stimulate its penitiveness on foreign mar but should not have infla ary effects.

The six-point progra was approved at a Cab meeting at the Elysee toda appeared designed to take edge off the warnings of left-wing Opposition and trade unions that the econ slump and spreading ur ployment would produce la scale labour unrest.

M Giscard d'Estaing that the programme would clude the following measur Credits worth 1,250m fra would be provided for lesc industrial enterprises for purchase of equipment.

A loan of 5,000m francs wo be granted by state-opera credit houses to finance purchase of capital goods industrial enterprises.

New export credit facili would be provided.

There would be a 10 per c reduction of the tax on purchase of new indust equipment bought after May Special credits totalling 24 francs would be provided the industrialization poverty-stricken areas in we ern and central France.

A 4,200m franc investm programme would modern the telephone system.—UPI.

Airport protest over dismissals

Paris, April 23.—About 1 Air Canada employees took ov a DC-8 airliner at Boissy int national airport today in prote against management plans cut staff.

They said they would n abandon their sit-in until neg tiations over the dismissals we successful. About 47 Air Cana and 51 British Airways worke are to be dismissed.—Reuter.

£83,000 robbery

Zurich, April 23.—The Zuric police have called out a hel copter to search for bandi who stole nearly 500,000 Swi francs (about £83,000) in cas travellers cheques and two ba of gold each weighing 2lb 30

Europe seen as balance to the super powers

Lord George-Brown, a former Labour Foreign Secretary, presented industrial, economic and political reasons why Britain should remain in the EEC when he addressed Strathclyde University students in Glasgow yesterday.

He said he had returned from the Middle East and it was tragic to be told how much people there wished we were playing a bigger role in trying to find a solution to their difficulties. They looked on Britain as just another small country in the West.

Lord George-Brown thought that was leading to a dangerous world situation where two super powers were attempting to carve up the world into separate spheres of influence and attempting to make decisions over the heads of the people concerned.

I have never wanted America to do the deciding for us on issues in which we have a deep and abiding interest ourselves. I do not want the Soviets to be deciding for us either. It means that there ought to be some other group big enough to make the Nato alliance a reality.

He maintained that an integrated Western Europe had a great role to play and would lead to a saner, safer world.

I simply do not see how anyone can say dispassionately that we could live on our own. There is no way we could feed 55 million people on our own. We should have to reduce the number of people by about a half to go it alone.

It would seem to me that the one alternative is to find the only grouping available to us, and that is Europe. Whether we like certain facets of it or not, it is the only place we shall be able to sell our goods.

Poll "mistake": Lord George-Brown later told a press conference that a number of MPs would vote against the repeal of the EEC legislation even if the country voted to leave Europe (the Press Association reports).

Shortage of Tory backers worries Mr Frere-Smith

By Roger Berthoud

"Obviously I should like far more Conservatives. The reality is that I have got eight Conservative MPs ready to campaign for us—and no Liberal MPs at all". Mr Christopher Frere-Smith, chairman of the executive committee of the Get Britain Out organization, was contemplating the referendum campaign in no very cheerful mood yesterday. In the basement under the modest office in Upper Berkeley Street, London, where he practises as a solicitor, shirt-sleeved supporters toiled in circumstances all too eloquent of the movement's relative poverty.

It is patently distressing for Mr Frere-Smith, a free-trading Liberal by political inclination, to be largely dependent for campaigning speakers on 150-odd Labour MPs many of them left-wingers, and on trade union leaders. "There is no doubt that greater terror is struck into Conservative hearts by trade unions and the left than by anything else", he admits. "This is being played on to advantage by the other side. I think theirs is a smear campaign."

What hope is there of capturing at least part of the normal Conservative vote? Diffidently, and quoting a view of a Labour EEC supporter, Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Frere-Smith proffers Mr Enoch Powell, at present Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South. Powell has the greatest pulling power, but he creates all sorts of tensions. Everybody accepts that he has a crucial role to play, but while some people will appear on a platform with him, others do not want to be associated with him.

Mr Powell, it seems, will not be making a large number of speeches, hoping rather to make his impact with a few. But one or two other Ulster Unionist MPs, including Mr James Molyneaux (Antrim, South) will be helping Get Britain Out to maintain a balance with Labour speakers on this side of the Irish Sea, possibly with boomerang effect.

Mr Frere-Smith: Not a very cheerful outlook.

Mr Frere-Smith is not unduly perturbed to find most of the small British Communist Party and all of the National Front campaigning for the same cause. "As far as I am concerned, we are dissociating ourselves entirely from the National Front." He sees the diversity of the elements in the anti-EEC front not as an embarrassment but as evidence of its width of appeal.

Those managing the Get Britain Out campaign will be trying to persuade their 300-odd speakers to moderate their views on subjects that divide them and stick to the ones that unite them. Mr Frere-Smith for one is far from rejecting some looser form of cooperation with continental Europe, and does not believe that Britain's principal difficulties will be solved either by staying in or coming out.

Thorpe plan for 10 meetings

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the Liberal leader, will lead the party's campaign for Europe with a series of 10 meetings throughout the country between now and June 5.

His first major speech will be made on May 1 at the London Liberal Party's rally at the Friends Meeting House, Euston Road. He will also speak in Manchester, Swansea, Plymouth, Liverpool, Barnstaple, Birmingham and Buxton.

Three reasons for Mr Heffer's stand

By Our Political Staff

Mr Eric Heffer, who was dismissed as Minister of State for Industry because he ignored the Prime Minister's ministerial guidelines on Europe, last night gave three reasons for his opposition to Britain's continued membership.

He told a meeting at Southampton that the EEC made it difficult for socialists to bring about the sort of changes they wanted in our society. It was an obstacle to a democratic socialist Britain. That was why he accepted that the sovereignty argument was important.

The second reason was that decisions affecting British people were increasingly being made by unelected, faceless bureaucrats in the European Commission whose powers were to be increased, not diminished, as certain leading politicians had suggested.

Third, instead of the British solving their difficulties in their own way by their own efforts, a false millennium was being pictured. He believed that the EEC would hinder our industrial and economic development and not improve it.

Weapon of fear': Pro-Europeans are using fear as a weapon to keep Britain in the EEC, Mr William Wolfe, chairman of the Scottish National Party, said last night (the Press Association reports).

The EEC was highly bureaucratic, centralist and undemocratic, he told an SNP meeting at Coldstream, Berwickshire. It limited the freedom of the people of Scotland to plan and develop their own resources.

The Treaty of Rome was conceived in fear. It was conceived at the end of World War Two in the fear that there might be a World War Three, resulting from conflict between France and Germany.

The pro-Marketeers are still using fear as a weapon . . . They propagate fear that they will lose jobs if Britain leaves . . . but we in Scotland have been losing jobs for generations inside the "common market" of the United Kingdom, as well as inside the Common Market of the nine Western European countries.

Lawyer barred from German anarchist's trial

Stuttgart, April 23.—Three judges today barred Dr Klaus Croissant, a left-wing lawyer, from defending the alleged leaders of the Baader-Meinhof group of urban guerrillas.

The court found that Dr Croissant had supported the group actively and could not therefore represent Ulrike Meinhof, Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe.

The two men and two women are charged with murder, attempted murder, armed robberies, bombings and other offences. Their trial opens on May 21 in a specially built courthouse.—Reuter.

Norwegian Labour Party elects a new leader

Oslo, April 23.—Norway's ruling Labour Party today ended a four-day congress by unanimously electing Mr Reiulf Steen, the vice-chairman, to succeed Mr Trygve Bratteli, the Prime Minister, as party leader.

But the election committee said Mr Oddvar Nordli, aged 48, an unsuccessful candidate for the chairmanship, should take over as Prime Minister when Mr Bratteli, aged 65, resigns, probably after the general elections in 1977.

Mr Nordli is the leader of the Labour Party's parliamentary group and was considered to be the candidate of the moderates. The election of Mr Steen, aged 41, to the party's top post was seen as a victory for the leftist faction in the party.

A quiet former auditor from rural eastern Norway, Mr Nordli is a favourite among majority of the Labour voters but it became clear at the congress that delegates preferred Mr Steen, a former journalis

The Labour Party's positio in the electorate has graduall weakened from the support of more than 50 per cent i March, 1971, to about 35 p cent in recent polls.—UPI.

Concern in France about transit centre for aliens

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 23

The French Ministry of the Interior denied last night that a "clandestine prison" for foreigners existed in Marseilles. Answering protests by local lawyers against "arbitrary arrests", the authorities said a transit centre was maintained there for foreigners who were kept under police surveillance before being expelled, because either their work permits were not in order or they were undesirable aliens.

The Interior Ministry statement revealed that last year 3,229 foreigners went through the centre, 70 per cent of the cases because they did not have papers permitting legal entry into France. Since last year the police have been engaged in tracking down illegal immigrants seeking jobs in France.

The Ministry gave an assurance that those held by the police stayed there only the minimum time necessary before departure by air or sea could be arranged. Answering the lawyer's complaints that conditions at the centre entailed health risks, the ministry said funds had been allocated for improvements.

The existence of the centre was revealed to the public by the press last week after Maître Sixte Ugolini, of the Marseilles Bar, had voiced alarm over the disappearance of a Moroccan fisherman who had been called to Marseilles police headquarters on April 11.

The Moroccan reappeared six days later, saying he had been taken off to the centre after being told he was to be sent home. But his work permit was in order, he maintained, and he had a regular job with an inshore fishing fleet. After five days at the centre he was suddenly told he could go free. The Interior Ministry statement gave no explanation regarding the Moroccan's case.

M Mitterrand sets out for Moscow

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 23

M François Mitterrand, t Socialist leader, with a delega tion of 11 party members, le Paris this morning for a vi to Moscow which has be repeatedly postponed sin 1972.

He is to have two days discussions with a Soviet del gation likely to be led by M Mikhail Suslov and includi Mr Boris Ponomarev, the mem ber of the central committ secretariat entrusted with re tions with Western countrie He will also see Mr Brezhne the Soviet Party leader.

M Mitterrand told reporte at the airport that the proble which had arisen between t Socialists and French Co munists in the Union of t Left had nothing to do wi "the friendly relations we wi to have with Soviet leaders There was much to be done, said, to improve and devel Franco-Soviet relations

Four million out of work in Community

From David Cross
Brussels, April 23

Unemployment in the European Community has reached a new record figure of more than 4,340,000, the Commission announced today. This is some 40 per cent higher than a year ago when there were just over three million unemployed.

The latest figures, which were provided by member governments, show that on an unadjusted basis the number of fully unemployed is continuing to rise in Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Ireland and Luxembourg. By contrast, there were falls in unemployment in West Germany, Holland and Denmark during February and March.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, however, unemployment is still increasing in all member countries with the exception of West Germany, where it has been dropping since the beginning of the year.

Yet West Germany still leads the unemployment table with a figure of 1,114,048 at the end of March, followed by Italy (1,105,900), France (769,900) and Britain (768,362).

Incomplete figures for people on short-time working reflect a similar pattern. West Germany had 830,290 employees on short-time at the end of March, compared with 314,000 in Italy (end of October figure), 297,300 in France (January) and 128,000 in Britain (January).

Meanwhile, Commission officials have unofficially rejected assertions by Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial staffs, that a vote for the EEC in the forthcoming referendum will be a vote against job security.

Earlier this month, at a press conference organized by the Get Britain Out campaign, Mr Jenkins said that the EEC was a "graveyard" for employment. He argued that seven of the nine EEC nations had shown enormous rises in unemployment during the past 12 months, while in countries like Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Austria any increases had been negligible.

According to the officials in Brussels, however, unemployment in Switzerland has risen by more than 2,000 per cent in the past year to a total of 2,700 in February and more since. Also, there are some 50,000 workers on short-time in Switzerland (nearly half the British total in a country one-tenth the size) plus a further 50,000 immigrant workers who have lost their jobs and returned home.

The officials concede that Norway and Sweden have escaped the worst effects of the world-wide recession so far, but point out that these countries are small and economically unique.

By contrast, Britain has to support a population of more than 55 million—much the same as France, West Germany and Italy but more than twice the combined population of Norway, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland.

Norwegian warning on leaving

Britain would be taking the wrong step if she left the EEC, Mr Rolf Thoresen, president of the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce in London, said yesterday.

He said at its annual lunch: "I am not convinced that the conditions are 100 per cent favourable, but the Common Market is an instrument which can be developed to give a solid foundation for international cooperation. I also think that many Norwegian anti-Marketeers would like today to see Great Britain continue as a member."

Car men say 'Yes'

The 3,000-strong Rolls-Royce branch of the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, the union's largest district, have voted in favour of Britain's remaining in the EEC.

The not so tender animal trap

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, April 23

The endearing, or possibly repellent, antics of such television animal stars as Lassie are a dangerous trap for the unwary child, a West German magazine concludes in its latest issue this week.

The monthly *Eltern* (Parents) says in its May number that small children, especially when they live in towns, come to believe that all animals behave in the same simpering or sentimentalized manner. This, the magazine deduces, helps to explain why about 10,000 West German children are attacked, bitten or mauled by animals each year.

Among the examples is that of a girl of nine, a Lassie "fan", who curled up in a sheepdog's basket. The dog bit the girl on her arms and face because it thought its "territory" was under threat.

Several town children who had watched *Black Beauty*, also shown on West German television, terrified a horse they found in a field on the farm where they were spending their holidays.

Approaching the fettered animal from several sides at the same time, the children overwhelmed the horse with their efforts to stroke it. It panicked, and five of the children had to go to hospital with bites and kicks.

A boy who offered a bear at a zoo a bread roll through the bars of its enclosure had his hand crushed and was rescued in the nick of time by a keeper. Television here has been showing a series called *My Friend Ben*, starring an unnaturally unaggressive and incredibly friendly bear.

At another zoo, a girl of four offered a chimpanzee a banana, and was hurt in both senses when the creature bit her forearm down to the bone throu the bars of its cage.

The magazine advises parer to make sure their childr understand that such anim are not typical, and that t programmes in which th appear bear as much relati to reality as fairy tales Ch dren under five are particula at risk because they belie everything they see.

One series which has be showing here and has be extremely popular with childr is *Daktari*, set in a game reser in East Africa. Among the ani als with star roles were Ju a chimpanzee given to grinni at the camera. This grin is sign of fear, animal exper say.

The same series featured cross-eyed lion called Clarem which was induced to perfo its unlearning antics by libe doses of tranquillizer. The-p able travesty of the kin the jungle died of heart failu

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gypt and Syria agree sink their fferences over Israel

adh, April 23.—The presi- of Egypt and Syria today nced that they had l to set up a permanent ttee to help concert olicies towards Israel.

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Cairo newspaper, Al reported today that the aders had worked out nilitary, political and ic plans of action in ldle East, which took of the role of oil.

the meeting, President ft today for Teheran, e will have talks with i of Iran.

Egypt has again the Soviet Union to step up its arms supplies, but the two countries appeared today to have resolved their differences over how to proceed towards peace with Israel.

Statements by government leaders that Egypt had no further interest in the step-by-step peace approach advocated by the United States, put Egypt in line with the Soviet Union, which opposed the efforts of Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, at personal diplomacy.

Agreement by the two countries that a Geneva peace conference offers the only hope of a Middle East settlement appears likely to lead to an improvement in relations between them.

Differences remain over arms deliveries and servicing debts but Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, has said that changed circumstances now made it possible for the two countries to be on steadily improving terms.

Moscow: Mr Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, arrived in Moscow today to discuss with Soviet leaders the next stage in efforts to achieve a Middle East peace.

Mr Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, flew back to Cairo yesterday after discussing conditions for the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference with Soviet leaders.

Two weeks ago Vice-President Saddam Husain, of Iraq, made a 24-hour trip to Moscow and Palestinian sources in Beirut confirmed today that Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, would be in the Soviet capital on April 28.

The four visits are believed to be part of an intensive Soviet diplomatic drive to achieve a coordinated position with Arab countries for the Geneva talks, at which the Soviet Union is co-chairman with the United States.—Reuter.

ns embargo fear as pressure grows

lem, April 23.—Mr Peres, the Defence today said that the n shipping American Israel may soon nra embargo. According to rnment official the States was trying to Israel into a more tory stand.

eres told students at iv University: "There finite hold-up in the f weapons from the tates. We must con- selves that this does e an embargo."

s say that all Ameri- contracted for are elivered on schedule, have been persistent that promised F15 mbers and Lance ground missiles are being delayed while the United States reassesses its Middle East policy.

A policy reassessment was described by the Government official as part of the continued pressure to "try and influence Israel in certain directions. It's obvious that the United States wants us to do certain things we're not ready to do, such as offering new suggestions that would be more palatable to the Arabs."

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, said today that the current dispute with America would have repercussions on Israel's domestic situation.

He added that he was confident that after further negotiations between the two countries normal relations would be restored.—UPI and Reuter.

Cambodian diehards hold out in temple

Preah Vihear, April 23.—The flag of the defeated Khmer Republic is still flying over a diehard garrison in an old Buddhist temple in this remote north-west corner of Cambodia.

About 150 soldiers—some with their families—and 10 monks are awaiting developments in the temple built on a cliff-top overlooking Cambodia's great north-west plain, some 205 miles from Phnom Penh.

Access to the vast temple complex is easy from Thailand, but from Cambodia entry can only be gained by scaling a sheer 1,500ft cliff.

On Monday night, two days after the surrender of Phnom Penh, the Khmer Rouge fired mortar bombs from the plain into the garrison, and tried to climb the cliff. The troops returned the fire and repulsed the attackers.

The soldiers seem relaxed, but their officers appear nervous.

The garrison commander, Lieutenant Seng Rean, who has sent his wife and two children into Thailand, admitted his confusion. "My head is spinning. I don't know if I want to be Khmer Rouge", he said.

"If the Khmer Rouge had a good heart we would join them, but if they come here they will kill the soldiers and their families.

"If we are eventually forced out, we will go to Thailand, but this land here is Khmer Republic—our Cambodia. It is now very small—is it not so?"

Paris: The committee administering Phnom Penh since it was taken by the Khmer Rouge, has agreed to allow food supplies to be delivered to the French Embassy.

A French Government spokesman said that a supply aircraft was expected to land in Phnom Penh today.

Bangkok: Mr In Tam, a former Cambodian Prime Minister and one of the seven "traitors" listed for execution by the Khmer Rouge, is in police custody in Thailand after fleeing across the border under gunfire.

Thailand sent 1,000 reinforcements to the border today to prevent a further flow of weapons and refugees into the country.

Kuala Lumpur: The Malaysian authorities told 625 Cambodian naval officers, soldiers, women and children who arrived in three naval vessels at Tumpat, northern Malaya, to replenish their supplies and leave the country as soon as possible.

Malaysia has recognized the new Government in Phnom Penh and apparently does not want to complicate relations with it by harbouring the refugees.

The commander of one of the ships was reported as saying that 20 of his officers were picked up and executed by the Khmer Rouge when they entered the port of Kompong Som. The rest of his force then took to sea—Reuter and AP.

Triumphal entry: Communist troops riding through the streets of Da Nang in South Vietnam.

Invaders of Da Nang commended

From Jean Thoraval
Da Nang, April 22

An eye-witness of the capture of Da Nang, Father Charmop, a parish priest, said today: "There was no bloodbath when it was taken."

The French priest, who has been here for 20 years, was supported by several French residents who saw the arrival of communist troops after scenes of pillage and violence.

"The liberation forces here were 100 times better-behaved than those who liberated Savoie, where I was born, in 1944.

"There had been panic and terrible looting. The intervention of the liberation forces, which was firm but not brutal, helped restore calm in less than an hour."

M André Obrach, director of the French cultural centre here, said: "If the Liberation Front troops had not taken over the town rapidly all its installations would have been looted.

"Soldiers of the Saigon army, some of whom were drunk, indulged in some incredible pillaging. They were awaiting evacuation boats, but there were not enough.

"They wandered around all over the town in all sorts of vehicles. Some used armoured vehicles to break down doors or gates and steal what was on hand, from hi-fi sets to a simple vase, and a good number of the city's inhabitants did the same."

Two missionary nuns who work in an orphanage near the beach said that Saigon troops also visited them.

"They were in a panic", one said. "They came simply to try to exchange their military uniforms for civilian clothes and thus go unrecognized."

Several eye-witnesses of what they called "the hours of madness", said that evacuation would not have been marred by slayings and mass drownings if it had not been for the "panic of the Saigon Army".

The troops sought to get on board everything which could fly or float as the roads out of Da Nang were closed to them, they said. The Army pushed civilians around, beat them and even fired on them.

Mr Obrach said the evacuation plan drawn up by the Americans could possibly have been put into effect if the South Vietnamese Army had remained calm. On the other hand, although the Saigon Army was largely responsible for what happened, the Americans who had stayed behind did not help "by quitting the first and in a none too discreet a manner". Their departure had started the panic.

Mr Tran Dinh Than Lam, a 32-year-old Buddhist who is a lecturer at Da Nang university laid some responsibility for the large-scale theft and looting on the Saigon administration which, he said, had stopped paying officials and troops. The banks here were closed and people were told that if they wanted cash they had to go to Saigon.

"Those who wanted to flee because they were afraid of the communists did not have a cent", he said. "To get money they had to steal." The panic was "more or less provoked" by the propaganda from Saigon.

"We were warned repeatedly that, once Da Nang fell to the communists, it would be bombed by government planes", he said. "Many fled because they were afraid of the war even though they had already realized that, sooner or later in the south, the communists would be on their heels."—Agence France-Presse.

Britain closes embassy in Saigon

From Peter Hazelhurst
Saigon, April 23

As communist forces in South Vietnam began to move their heavy artillery guns within range of Saigon, the British Embassy was given orders today to evacuate immediately its staff and an estimated 150 British nationals who still remain in the country.

The embassy will be closed to normal business from tomorrow afternoon when two RAF Hercules transport aircraft are expected to fly into Tan Son Nhut airbase on the outskirts of the capital and evacuate about 163 Britons to Singapore.

A spokesman for the embassy said that 13 members of the staff and about 150 other Britons and eight unmarried Vietnamese women members of the staff would be flown out of the country. Male members of the Vietnamese staff will remain behind to take care of the building because, under South Vietnam's strict conscription laws, men within the military age group are denied visas.

Mr John Bushell, the Ambassador, received the order to close the embassy "temporarily" and evacuate all Britons who want to leave South Vietnam from Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, this morning. About forty British journalists decided to stay.

An embassy spokesman said: "The staff, including three Gurkhas, will be evacuated to Singapore tomorrow. The Foreign Secretary wants to have the embassy opened again as soon as the security situation permits."

Fred Emery writes from Washington: A mass airlift of Vietnamese from Saigon now appears under way, although officials here are sticking to the term "thinning out" rather than evacuation. Some 1,500 Vietnamese were reported to have arrived in Guam.

Nearly 200 arrived overnight at Travis air base, near San Francisco, and were allowed entry under the new waiver of immigration procedures proposed for 130,000 Vietnamese deemed to be facing communist reprisals.

The same figure was announced by Mr Ricardo Bordallo, Governor of Guam, the American Pacific island possession. He said he had been advised to expect 131,000 people to pass in transit.

Congress is still debating President Ford's request for money and authority to use troops to protect an evacuation. There have been angry charges from Republicans at the delay.

Senator Hugh Scott, the minority leader, protested at what he called a "mini-filibuster against mercy". But Senator Mike Mansfield, the Democratic leader retorted that the President needed no authority to get on with the present evacuation.

Phnom Penh 'bad memories' for prince

From David Bonavia
Peking, April 23

Prince Norodom Sihanouk has said that he will not be upset if the victorious Khmer Rouge leaders do not abide by their offer to let him return to Cambodia as chief of state.

In a statement circulated in Peking, Prince Sihanouk also said that he did not want to return to Phnom Penh, which had "bad memories" for him, and would instead ask the Khmer Rouge leaders to restore the airport near the ancient capital of Angkor Wat.

He would bring there the ashes of his mother, who is ill in Peking and who, he said, would die soon.

The prince, breaking a five-day silence, added that elections would be unnecessary in Cambodia as the Khmer Rouge victory constituted "the only valid popular verdict".

He went on: "It was the leaders of the Khmers Rouges themselves who asked me to remain as chief of state in Cambodia until my death. If one day these leaders change their minds about me I shall not be upset in the least since the only goal of my life has been already achieved: The total and irreversible liberation of Cambodia and the restoration of its independence and its non-alignment."

Peking, April 23. — The Foreign Ministry of the Royal Cambodian Government of National Union today denied the right of anyone who had not been specially accredited to represent it abroad.

No other people "least of all those who served in the traitors' regime up to the liberation of Phnom Penh" had the right to claim to speak in the name of the Cambodian National United Front and the Government.

The statement appeared to be a rejection of several ambassadors and other diplomats of the former Cambodian republican regime who have offered their allegiance to Prince Sihanouk.—Agence France Presse.

Rightists accused by Pathet Lao over peace move

Vientiane, April 23.—A spokesman for the pro-communist Pathet Lao said yesterday that their forces occupied a strategic road junction 125 miles north of Vientiane after the rightist side used troops allegedly paid and trained by the United States in the region.

He added that Pathet Lao proposals for a peaceful settlement of the problem in Sala Phoukhoune area had been spurned by the rightists. After a first ceasefire in the area, troops on the two sides had fraternized.

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rthur Hartman, the Assistant Secretary for European Affairs, n Athens from Ankara try and ease the way rus settlement. He will talks with Mr Con- Karamanlis, the Greek inister and Mr Bitsios, gn Minister.

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There are indications that Mr Hartman found the new Turkish government far more receptive to this approach, and that the prospects of an understanding are better than they were at the time of Dr Kissinger's visit to Ankara last month. The United States administration's determination to treat the arms embargo to Turkey as a test case in its relations with Congress, has mollified the Turks towards Washington.

Once the Vienna talks are set on constructive lines to facilitate Dr Waldheim's task, it will be easier to bring about high level Greek-Turkish contacts for a final breakthrough on Cyprus, and also for a frank discussion of bilateral disputes over the Aegean and the minorities.

Quite discreetly, Greece and Turkey have already made substantial headway in arranging a meeting of foreign ministers, which in turn would pave the way for a meeting between the two Prime Ministers, most probably at the Nato summit conference in Brussels late next month.

Mr Hartman will be leaving on Friday for Izmir to represent Dr Kissinger at the annual Bilderberg conference. He may have an occasion to see again the Turkish leaders to brief them on the results of his Athens visit.

French urge Vietcong to agree to a ceasefire

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between the two belligerent forces was touched off in Saigon today after President Huong met M Jean-Marie Merillon, the French Ambassador in Saigon, for long talks.

Meantime, residents of Saigon who have remained calm are beginning to panic as they watch the American, Canadian, Australian and other Western embassies evacuate their nationals.

The price of the dollar on the black market has more than quadrupled in two days. Westerners are besieged by scores of touts who are attempting to buy foreign currency on the footpaths of Saigon.

In Vung Tau, Saigon's remaining port, 45 miles south-east of the capital, anxious businessmen carrying satchels of cash are paying fortunes to owners of small boats for illegal passages out of the country.

Time is short. Three divisions of North Vietnamese troops overran the small town of Ham Tan today, 50 miles up the coast, and were sweeping towards Vung Tau to cut off escape routes by sea.

Hundreds of Americans and thousands of their Vietnamese dependants waited anxiously for flights out of the country. Richard Wigg writes from Paris: The spokesman of the Vietcong mission in Paris emphasized again yesterday that General Thieu's departure must be accompanied by the United States ceasing completely its military intervention and "interference in South Vietnam's internal affairs. He also objected to the presence of the American Seventh Fleet in the area.

The Vietcong, it is thought in Paris, are clearly keeping up the pressure, but the French Government is beginning to become uneasy about whether the communists will contribute their part of the bargain. This was stated unambiguously last night by M Jean Sauvagnargues, the Foreign Minister, after he called the Vietcong and Hanoi representatives to the Quai d'Orsay. "A battle for Saigon would be catastrophic for everyone; one cannot fight and negotiate at the same time", he said.

France has been urging the Vietcong, in the interests of a political solution, that there must be a ceasefire on the battlefield and has told the estimated 9,000 French nationals still in the Saigon region to stay put. M Sauvagnargues admitted, however: "We think that a political solution is difficult, but possible."

In return for the ceasefire, French diplomats say that south Vietnam must seek to organize itself with a degree of independence from Hanoi.

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April 23.—An investi- idge today asked the ppeal court to drop nvolving complicity in ison against 104 lead- mbers of Greece's military regime. ppeals judges had a lawsuit filed by a Athenian lawyer, Mr os Lykourezos, who that four former pre- d other ministers he ad enabled the mili- ta to strengthen its the country.

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Dr Kissinger has trouble in finding a spokesman

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 23

A new press spokesman is being sought by Dr Henry Kissinger, his fourth since he became Secretary of State. Word went around today that he had decided to look outside the Foreign Service for a replacement for the present spokesman, Mr Robert Anderson.

Mr Anderson, who took the thankless job last year, has not been popular with the American press. He is an extremely cautious diplomat, and has not been able to insist upon access to Dr Kissinger to elicit information.

This has contributed, if only partially, to the smudging of Dr Kissinger's image.

Dr Kissinger is awaiting a response to his offer to Mr Richard Valeriani, diplomatic correspondent of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), who is a widely respected network news reporter.

Mr Valeriani told *The Times* today he was having difficulty making up his mind. Such is the pull of big time television that he would have to take a substantial cut in salary to work at the State Department, and Dr Kissinger is a very difficult master.

Only if he is assured access to Dr Kissinger at all times on all matters of policy is it likely that Mr Valeriani will accept.

Dr Kissinger's first choice this time was Mr Ted Koppel, another television reporter, but from the rival American Broadcasting Company (ABC). He declined.

If the NBC man accepts, it will look as if that network is making something of a corner in Administration spokesmen. Mr Ron Nessen, the presidential press secretary, and his deputy were NBC men, and Mrs Sheila Weidenfeld, press secretary to Mrs Ford, worked for the NBC station in Washington.

Runaway MP's daughter in customs search

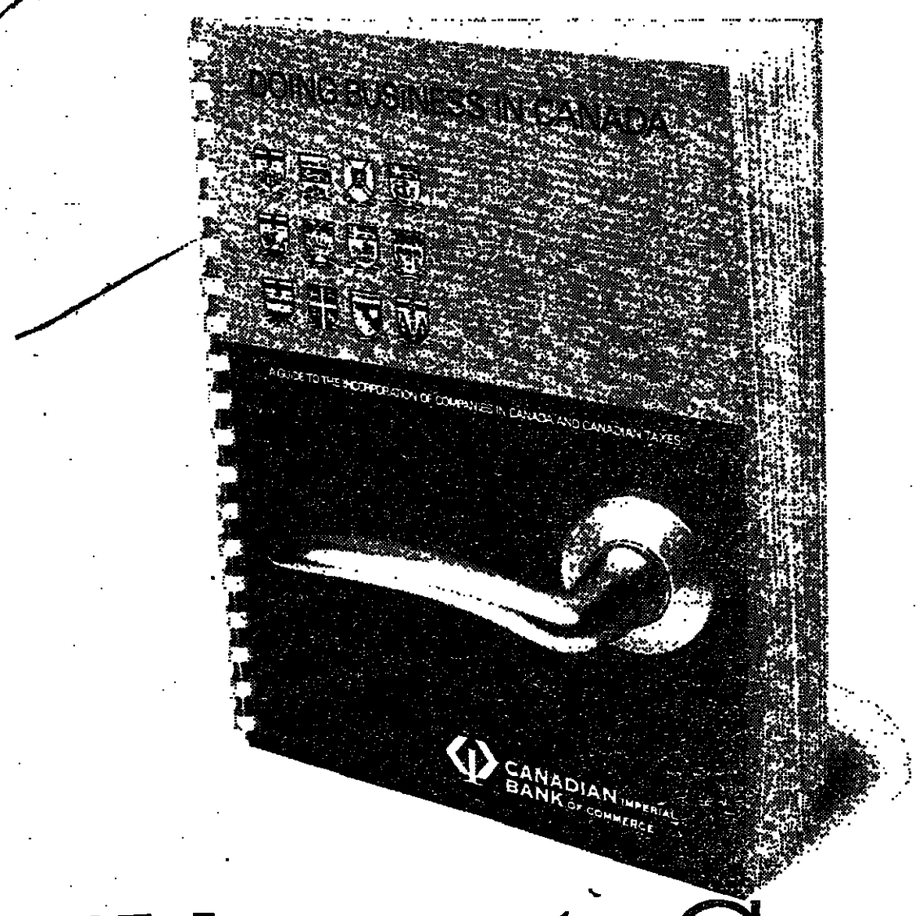
From Our Correspondent — Melbourne, April 23

Miss Jane Stonehouse, daughter of Mr John Stonehouse, the runaway British MP, returned to Melbourne today from Mauritius. She said she was searched twice after landing in Melbourne.

"When I first landed about 6.45 am today I was searched by customs officers with the other passengers. However, my belongings were given much more meticulous attention than anyone else's.

"Then I was asked to go to another room with a woman customs officer. She asked me to take off my blouse and jeans.

Miss Stonehouse added that unofficially she was led to believe that if her father applied in person when the extradition proceedings against him in Melbourne had been completed, there was a possibility that he might get a Mauritian passport.



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Dr Kaunda foresees delay in black rule for Rhodesia

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, April 23

President Kaunda of Zambia does not expect to see majority rule in Rhodesia in the immediate future, according to a document being circulated in Salisbury.

The document is a report made by two white Rhodesian farmers after a recent tour of Zambia during which they had a long interview with the Zambian leader. According to their report, which was meant for limited consumption but has now found its way into the hands of journalists and others, President Kaunda told the farmers, Mr Sandy Firks and Mr John Strong, that what was more important to him was a commitment to majority rule by the Rhodesians and this commitment should be made now.

The President said that a sudden move to majority rule could lead to a breakdown in the country's economy and would help no one. He agreed that one could not measure the time in years and said that Zambia had only achieved one man, one vote in the 1973 elections. Before this they had a qualified franchise and it had taken them nearly 10 years to move to complete majority rule.

In Rhodesia it might take longer. The Rhodesian economy was more complicated and the racial problem more difficult than in Zambia.

The report says President Kaunda was definitely thinking in terms of a common role in Rhodesia with a qualified franchise. It might well be a considerable time between the commitment to majority rule and its actual establishment, but after the commitment things would evolve naturally. The President said there was not much time left in Rhodesia for a decision to be taken.

According to the report the two Rhodesians met the Zambian leader on April 7. They had gone to Zambia at the invitation of Mr Ronald Landless, past president of the Commercial Farmers' Bureau of Zambia. With the blessing of the Zambian Government the two men made a comprehensive tour of the country and were most impressed. At the end of the tour they were suddenly told that a meeting had been arranged with President Kaunda. Obviously somewhat startled they telephoned the Secretary for Foreign Affairs in Salisbury, Mr Stanley O'Donnell asking for advice. He told them to "project an image of reasonableness and of a sincere wish to achieve a settlement."

Mr Firks and Mr Strong saw Mr Kaunda with other leading Zambian officials, and Mr John Roberts, former leader of the white opposition in the Zambian parliament. Mr Strong told Dr Kaunda that they had found the atmosphere in Zambia very easy, were impressed by the relaxed relationship between the races and the development in the commercial, industrial and agricultural sections.

Zambians, however, did not realize the fund of gooodwill that existed between the races in Rhodesia and they gave examples of how blacks and whites cooperated in their particular world of agriculture.

Mr Firks told the Zambian leader that it was evident to any intelligent man in Rhodesia that majority rule was inevitable and since the commitment could remove the main source of racial friction it must be considered desirable. If it was inevitable and desirable it was logical to start working toward it now. Mr Firks said it was vital not to measure the time in such a move in terms of years.

Both men were conservative, said Mr Firks, but their views probably represented the views of 70 per cent of their fellow white farmers. The vast bulk of obdurate and reactionary thinking in Rhodesia was among the artisans, he said.

President Kaunda began his reply by saying "I never thought I would live to see the day when I would hear white Rhodesians talk like this. It is the first time I have heard these views exressed so sincerely and I believe you."

The President revealed that he had told Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, that he was prepared to underwrite a bill of rights guaranteeing the Europeans continued ownership of their property. He also disclosed that except for civil servants, who made no impact because they were not allowed to commit themselves, he had met no white Rhodesians since 1965. He had met Sir Roy Welensky but the report said he did not take his meetings with the former federal prime minister seriously.

After lunch the President again said that it was impossible to put a time limit on the transitional period before majority rule in Rhodesia. It had taken ambia a long time, but as Rhodesia was a more complicated country with a more sophisticated economy it might take even longer.

The President also expressed reservations about the Kenyan Government, saying there was corruption.

This remarkable document was issued to journalists on Monday by Dr Edson Sithole, the publicity secretary of the African National Council. Journalists agreed not to file stories immediately because of the delicate situation in the Southern African détente exercise.

The next day the Rhodesian Government was informed and Mr Edward Sutton-Page, the deputy minister in the Prime Minister's office, called journalists to his office and asked them to withhold publication as both Mr Smith and Bishop Muzorewa, leader of the African National Council, said publication would not be welcome "in the light of the delicate state of affairs". The bishop, himself, had no knowledge of the document.

Journalists agreed to withhold publication until the Zambian Government had had time to comment. By this afternoon there had been no comment from Lusaka and the Salisbury Government is making no official comment.

Soviet rebel ill after mind drug 'treatment'

By Peter Reddaway

Mr Leonid Plyushch, the imprisoned Ukrainian mathematician and dissenter, is severely mentally ill as a result of drugs administered to him in the prison psychiatric hospital at Dnepropetrovsk. This is reported by his wife Tatiana, who saw him there recently.

In an appeal written for International Plyushch Day, which has just reached the West she describes how her husband was arrested in early 1972 for his writings and later ruled insane and interned. Her friends and she testified repeatedly to his normality, but this, she now writes, was "a foolish enterprise: after all, those who were punishing him knew, no less than I, that he was mentally healthy". But, she continues: "Now I say: yes, he is ill. Terribly ill, and he needs to be saved from worse than illness: from death."

International Plyushch Day, yesterday, was designated by the International Committee of Mathematicians in Defence of Leonid Plyushch, a group supported by 1,000 of the world's leading mathematicians.

Mrs Plyushch was told by the Dnepropetrovsk hospital administration that a psychiatric commission under a Dr Blokhina had recently examined her husband and given a worsening diagnosis. Whereas he had previously been suffering from "sluggish schizophrenia" and "reformist delusions", now it was "schizophrenia of the paranoid type". On April 9, Mrs Plyushch managed to see Dr Andrei Snezhnevsky, the prominent Moscow psychiatrist who had made the earlier diagnosis.

She told him what the Dnepropetrovsk doctors had told her: that they were treating Mr Plyushch according to Dr Snezhnevsky's diagnosis and according to his prescribed methods of treatment. Dr Snezhnevsky promised to contact Dr Georgy Morozov, director of the Serbsky Institute of Forensic Psychiatry, and ask him to send a subordinate to Dnepropetrovsk to check the new diagnosis.

In her appeal Mrs Plyushch says she is "boundlessly grateful to all the mathematicians abroad, to all who have concerned themselves with Leonid's fate" by writing and phoning to her, and by publishing two books of his works. She concludes: "Let me be given back my husband, ill as they have made him, and let us then be allowed to leave this country."

Numerous appeals for Mr Plyushch have been made by dissenters in Moscow, a recent one carrying about 40 signatures. The latest, from Professor Igor Shafarevich of Moscow University, has just reached the West, intended for Plyushch Day. The most "appalling" aspect of the Plyushch case, in his opinion, is Mr Plyushch's "treatment" with all kinds of chemical substances which have a pernicious effect on his psyche. Those who have had similar experiences assert that words fail to convey the horror of them."

Moves to make nuclear treaty effective

By A. M. Rendel

Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, the three countries which act as depository states for the non-proliferation treaty of 1968, have held a two-day meeting in London to prepare for next month's conference which will review the operation of the treaty.

The conference, in Geneva on May 5, will aim not at amending the treaty but ensuring that its provisions banning the spread of nuclear weapons are effective. It is now particularly opportune in view of the imminent big increase in the number of nuclear power stations throughout the world capable of producing enriched uranium, the raw material for nuclear weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency recorded 101 nuclear reactors in 1970 and estimated that by 1978 this would rise to 329. The plutonium from such reactors is estimated to increase from 30,000kg a year in 1975 to 380,000 by 1985.

The world energy crisis means that these forecasts are probably under-estimates. In any event, at least 20 states could soon possess the equipment and the technical knowledge to develop a nuclear explosive capability, and so far only about half are parties to the treaty.

To date, 87 nations have both signed and ratified the treaty and all are invited to the Geneva conference.

Among the nations which have not signed are China, France, India, Pakistan, Israel, Egypt, Brazil, Argentina and South Africa. France, although not a party to the treaty, has declared that it will act as though it were, and will not therefore use nuclear weapons unless attacked with nuclear weapons, and will not transfer them to other powers.

China has declared on several occasions that it will not be the first to use nuclear weapons. India has exploded a nuclear device which it says was for peaceful purposes only, but the treaty's signatories are considering whether these explosions can be conducted exclusively for such ends.

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When bedsitters become hotel rooms

Mayflower Cambridge Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another
Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice May

An hotel is essentially a place for a transient population, in contrast to bedsitting accommodation which provides a permanent home for people. The Divisional Court so decided when dismissing an appeal by Mayflower Cambridge Ltd against the decision of the first respondent, the Secretary of State for the Environment, by letter of October 31, 1974, upholding an enforcement notice served by the second respondents, Cambridge City Council, on the appellants requiring them to discontinue the use for hotel purposes of buildings constructed under a planning permission to provide bedsitting accommodation.

Mr Michael Howard for the appellants; Mr Hary Woolf for the Secretary of State. The council neither apeared nor were represented.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that a purpose-built seven-storey block of residential premises was erected in the centre of Cambridge in the late 1960s or early 1970s to provide bedsitting accommodation. Such accommodation was needed for students.

The appellants, who were the present owners, let the rooms under two kinds of lettings, nightly and weekly. Nightly terms included central heating, electricity for lighting, laundering, cooking facilities, bed linen, room cleaning and baths. Weekly terms included central heating but not the cost of electricity. Linen and towels were available at an additional charge. In broad terms the top three floors were let on nightly terms, the lower four on weekly terms.

The enforcement notice by paragraph (3) read ". . . there has been a breach of planning control in that the said land has been developed by the making of a material change in the use [of the buildings . . .] to part use for hotel purposes."

The appeal centred round the question whether there was a clear, recognized and well-understood distinction between the use of the buildings as bed sitting accommodation and as an hotel.

Mr Howard submitted that the notice was defective because the meaning of "part use for hotel purposes" was unclear. He relied on Miller-Mead v Minister of Housing and Local Government ([1963] 2 QB 196). But the important question was whether the notice was too vague. His Lordship believed that the notice was clear and well understood. It objected to the use of the buildings as an hotel but not as bed sitting accommodation. The difference between the two turned mainly on the stability or instability of their population. To prove hotel use it was not necessary to establish that meals were provided, or that there were porters or kitchen maids.

The essence of an hotel was that it took in transient passengers or contained a transient population. An hotel was there to service people who were travelling. By contrast, a bed sittingroom was somebody's home where he remained for a substantial period.

The two concepts were so understood in ordinary English. The notice would therefore be understood by anyone reading it as objecting only to the letting on a nightly basis. There was no ground to critize the notice or Secretary of State for confirming it.

Mr Justice Ashworth and Mr Justice May agreed.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Davenport, Lyons & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

Conspiracy point certified

Regina v Vickers

A point of law of general public importance was involved in the dismissal of an appeal by Richard John Vickers against conviction of conspiring to assist in the United Kingdom in the importation of cannabis resin from Italy into the United States, contrary to section 20 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971 (*The Times*, March 18). In accordance with an agreement he took certain containers from London to Italy, knowing that cannabis would be put in them there and shipped to the United States in contravention of an American law.

Section 20 provides that a person commits an offence "if in the United Kingdom he assists in . . . the commission in any place outside the United Kingdom of an offence punishable under the provisions of a corresponding law in force in that place".

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Scarman, Lord Justice James and Mr Justice Bristow) certified that the point involved was "whether, in order to prove an offence of assisting in the commission of an offence outside the United Kingdom contrary to section 20, the Crown must prove that the accused 'assisted' in the restricted sense of taking part in the act constituting the offence against the corresponding law".

Leave to appeal was refused. Their Lordships granted legal aid for two counsel and solicitors for

SPRING BOOKS: ONE

Life is a fairy tale

Hans Christian Andersen

The story of his life and work 1805-75

By Elias Bredsdorff

(*Phaidon*, £4.95)

Andersen biography has been a matter of considerable fascination—not least to Andersen himself. He wrote at least three accounts of his own life, to say nothing of the biographical references in many of the stories and the regular commentaries incorporated in his letters; and, after his death, lives followed in profusion. Taking their cue from "The Ugly Duckling" these have often presented a romantic, oversimplified account of a man of "unparalleled contradictions", and it is the prime strength of this new biography that it is rooted in documentary evidence.

As a Dane, Professor Bredsdorff is comfortably at home among the massive runs of correspondence, diaries and contemporary observations that have been brought to light during the past 30 years; and as an Andersen scholar of long standing (it was he who organized the famous Andersen exhibition at the National Book League in 1955) he has had time to ruminate on the manifold peculiarities of his subject.

No amount of careful deployment of information, conscientious weighing of opinion, can, however, conceal the tiresome fact that, in dramatic terms, Andersen's biography loses much of its impetus round about the end of Act Two. In its earlier stages it does everything to justify his own title for it. "The Fairy Tale of My Life"—the unprepossessing son of a village cobbler seeks his fortune as a dancer (!) in Copenhagen; is taken up and aided to an education (and how!) through public, private and royal bounty; asserts his own desire to be a writer against those who would have him be a civil Civil Servant; and discovers almost by accident a story-telling gift that will (despite execrable translations) make him one of the most renowned authors in the world.

From the time of the *Eventyr* onwards, however, Hans Christian Andersen begins to become rather a tedious subject. His total preoccupation with himself (surely the fact that enabled him to overcome the almost insurmountable social and educational barriers of provincial, nineteenth-century Denmark) becomes monotonous. Either he is worrying about his health, or his critics, or—time and again—about not being able to converse with the son of his patron (one of his closest friends) in the intimate style of "Du". The man with those rare and truly untranslatable gifts of perception, imagination, irony keeps coming before the reader as a gangling, slightly disconsolate, aging adolescent, and one is hard put to it not to sympathise with the cruel, exasperated comment of Charles Dickens's daughter: "He was a bony bore and stayed on and on."

There is not much that Professor Bredsdorff, who is concerned about an exact and faithful record, can do for the older Andersen. His accounts of the journeyings which Andersen made—often with truculent companions—impress upon us the man's stamina and his gift for meeting those of "rank and quality". His duplicate recitals of meetings, both in the words of Andersen and of those he encountered help to emphasize what a difficult person he is to understand. And his chapters on Andersen's last years, spent in fame and a profound loneliness, have a pathos which brings the "fairy tale" to a fitting, though scarcely happy, conclusion.

But for the reader outside Denmark, who seeks here some clue to the chemistry that produced the *Eventyr*, the biography may prove a disappointment. Professor Bredsdorff tells a little of their publication, and proffers a dutiful analysis of their style and content, but this does not go far towards explaining the nervous idiosyncratic force behind the stories. The precisely detailed man remains a shadow of the storyteller.

Brian Alderson

Monarchs in Waiting, by Walter J. P. Curley (Hutchinson, £4.95). A guide for the devout royalty-watcher (in the author's own phrase), this is in some ways an astonishing book, parading the forelorn hopes of a pale horde of pretenders, some of them still confidently awaiting the telegram: Come Home All Forgiven Love Russia. Some candidates he gives up utterly, declining for instance to place much confidence in the possible replacement of Elizabeth II by the Stuart claimant, HRH Prince Albert of Bavaria. Tactful where tact is evidently needed (in the rival claims of the Count of Paris and HIH Prince Louis Napoleon to the throne of France, or of HRH Don Juan, HRH Don Juan Carlos and Prince Carlos Hugo to that of Spain) the book contains interviews with at least two pretenders who would bring great intelligence and expertise to any throne (the enthusiastic pan-European Archduke Otto—or Dr Otto Habsburg—and Prince Louis Ferdinand of Germany), and thumbnail sketches make it pretty clear which monarchs are best occupied in waiting, and which we may on the whole be sorry to have missed.

Batty obscurity

Richard Holmes

The Admirable Urquhart

Selected writings edited and introduced by Richard Boston
(*Gordon Fraser*, £5.50)

What qualities go to make a great literary translator? Besides a necessary degree of bilingual ease, one might reasonably suppose that imaginative sympathy with the foreign author, and a self-effacing submission to his text amounting to something like quiet schizophrenia, were the two prime requisites. If so, then the strange career of Sir Thomas Urquhart, the seventeenth-century Scots dandy, royalist, and translator of the monstrous Rabelais, will give you cause for second thoughts.

Urquhart was probably bilingual and certainly mad; but no less self-effacing a personage can possibly be conceived than this gentleman from Cromarty who traced and published his genealogical tree in 152 named descendants between Adam and himself. Yet his Rabelais is one of the half-dozen classic prose translations in our literature. It is a work that has magically attained, and retained, a definitive place in the history of English prose, in every way equivalent to Maitre François's seminal position (a fair rerm) in French. It was first published in 1653 (Books I & II), roughly 120 years after Rabelais's own. It comes at the end of that golden summer of Elizabethan and Jacobean translation, which includes North's Plutarch (used by Shakespeare for plotting his Roman dialogues), Florio's Montaigne, and the King James Bible, none of which will ever be replaced.

Urquhart's truly orgiastic rendition of Rabelais is soberly based on Randle Cotgrave's "Dictionarie" (1611), and is surprisingly accurate and reliable in point of lexical detail and interpretation of this knurriest of texts. Yet it has also captured all the wild exuberance, the manic pedanticism, the monkish winds, the peasant humanism and the dazzling polemic speed of the French. Urquhart, for all his elegant Gaelic primness, is in every sense as rabelasian as Rabelais.

This is vividly illustrated in the brief extracts supplied by Richard Boston in his new selection of Urquhart's work, both original and translated.

In his genial Introduction, Boston dwells on the matter in some detail. With a beer-columnist's instinct, he turns to the boisterous litany in praise of the infant Gargantua's mighty member, "la petite andoille vermeille" (Book I, xi), first giving the French, then the trim modern version by J. M. Cohen (Penguin, 1955), and finally Urquhart's avalanche of contemporary slang for the "lusty live sausage".

Amplification and linguistic virtuositi are in fact the keys to Urquhart's version. His prose draws upon the euphuistic fireworks and compulsive neologisms of the earlier generation of Greene and Thomas Lodge. Writing from his stone tower in distant Cromarty, his anachronisms—part bookish, part Scottish—confront Rabelais directly across three generations. Urquhart always vies with Rabelais to outdo his catalogues of invective, or bawdy, or lyrical extravagance. Putting the two texts side by side, one has the impression of a pair of sixteenth-century mountebanks competing with each other for their audience, in a continuous battle of linguistic marvels and rapturous showmanship.

In the end, Urquhart's translation is nothing less than a duel with his original. Its genius lies in its relentless competitiveness, and the mad confidence with which Urquhart wields the resources of the English language against the French. For the nature of Urquhart's madness was an insatiable logomania.

Richard Boston's account of Urquhart's earlier pamphlet publications, though sympathetic, suggests this inevitable conclusion. It is most apparent in the so-called "Logopandecteision", in which Urquhart attempts to vindicate himself against his relentless creditors in Cromarty, who eventually drove him into exile. Urquhart claimed to have invented a Universal Language (that paradoxical dream of translators), superior to all others since it had 25 consonants, 10 vowels, 10 tenses, 11 genders, read backwards as well as forwards, would provide grateful poets with at least 500 rhymes for any given monosyllable ending, and could be learnt by a child of 10 "in three months' space". Boston gallantly suggests that this was based on a categorical, rather than alphabetical system, something like the modern Thesaurus, and could now be used by computers for multilingual translation. However, fortunately the papers containing the Language itself were lost (along with an Etymological Dictionary of 27,000 proper names, and many other wonders) in a trunk at the Battle of Worcester (1651), where Urquhart—in his usual immaculate silk knee-breeches, plumes and lace—was loyally fighting for Charles II.

Urquhart also seems to have been obsessed by duelling. The best thing that he wrote outside his Rabelais, was the celebrated short life of his compatriot adventurer, "The Admirable Crichtoun". Crichtoun was a "monster of perfection", who defeated all-comers in Paris and Mantua in a fantastic series of escrimatory contests, involving not merely sword-play, but also acting, debating with the entire University of Paris, compliment-turning with the Prince, and love-making with the Prince's mistress.

Yet what Richard Boston's selection finally shows is that translation, on the scale and level that Urquhart achieved, requires above all else the kind of egoistical insanity that borders directly on inventive or creative genius, and is its own vindication. Urquhart's life, in all its batty obscurity, rings true and loud. Traditionally he died in a fit of intemperate laughter on hearing of the restoration of his beloved monarch King Charles II in 1660. But the last verifiable document, among all that mountain of lost paper, is a challenge to a duel issued against his cousin, Urquhart of Craigfintray, from some uncertain address in the Low Countries, a final flicker of that astonishing lexical blade.

A present from . . .

Bevis Hillier

Pictorial Souvenirs of Britain

By Ian T. Henderson

(*David & Charles*, £5.50)

Coronation Souvenirs and Commemoratives

By David Rodgers

(*Latimer*, £3.40)

Although his book shows the odd eighteenth-century enamel patch box, most of the pictorial souvenirs shown and discussed by Ian Henderson are of low technical quality and of late nineteenth-century or early twentieth-century date. They are those little trinket jugs and mugs and plates with blancmange-pink borders surrounding a crude transfer print of an English resort, often with the legend "A Present From . . ." Many of them were made in Germany: on one pair of plates illustrated by Mr Henderson, "Weymouth" is given an umlaut over the "y". These wares are unlikely ever to be welcomed by the grand dealers of, say, the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair. But the profusion of them, and the enormous variety of scenes depicted, with just enough archaic detail (bathing machines on the beach, pony traps in the streets) make them a good collecting quarry for someone with a fairly modest budget; and en masse, as so well illustrated on the jacket of this book, they can make an attractive garnish to the shelves of a wall-alcove.

I have written in *The Times* before about Mr Henderson as a collector. He not only collects these cheaper wares, but also sumptuous Worcester and Derby services and other posh china bearing topographical views of Britain, usually in those cases country seats rather than seaside esplanades. Mr Henderson has added a delightful new dimension to this form of collecting by his habit of driving off to the original place of which the view was taken,

English delft bleeding bowl.

and photographing it as it is today. To some extent he illustrates this in his present book—notably by showing a modern view of the Chapel Liten ruins at Basingstoke, which, for once, appear not to have changed since they were shown on a "Made in Germany" mug. Mr Henderson is preparing a book by a symposium of authors on the more classy topographical wares; it is hoped that an exhibition of these may be shown in the Brighton Museums; and his most original plan is to make a film in which the views on his porcelain will "fade into" the original location.

Public concern over the invasion of the English market by German manufactures in the late nineteenth century was similar to that over the proliferation of "monopolies" in the early seventeenth century, when Colepeper said of them: "These, like the frogs of Egypt, have got possession of our dwellings . . . they sup in our cup, they dip in our dish, they sit by our fire; we find them in the dye-vat, wash-bowl, and powdering-tub." It is perhaps the only weakness of Mr Henderson's book that he does not sufficiently relate the blancmange-pink wares to their historical context by dealing with the agitation over "Made in Germany".

When I last wrote about Mr Henderson two or three years ago, he said he was prepared to finance someone to go to Germany and research the origins of the souvenir wares. That someone was found in the person of Mr A. W. Coysh (a well-known expert on English blue and white pottery), who contributes an epilogue to this book headed "The End of a Story". Among other factories he visited were the Porzellanfabrik Mitterteich: "When I showed the works manager a pink plate bearing a printed view of Plymouth I might just as well have been handing him a piece of lunar rock until he turned the plate over to look at the 'back mark', in this case a red-printed mark of three stacked rifles. 'Yes', he said, 'this must have been made in this factory; that was the mark of Max Emanuel.'" A small step for mankind; a giant step for collectors of blancmange-pink souvenirs.

David Rodgers's equally admirable book, on Coronation souvenirs, is mainly about more "up-market" antiques, which would be cordially welcomed into the bosom of the Grosvenor House Fair: a superb German covered goblet engraved with the arms of George II, probably by G. E. Kunckell of Gothe, Germany (with a king "Made in Germany", the public could hardly complain); expensive English delftware bearing portraits of Charles II; even a silver beaker given by Lord Cholmondeley to his page at the coronation of George VI. At the same time he does not omit the more "pop" souvenirs: on the page opposite the illustration of the Cholmondeley beaker is shown a pressed tin matchbox-holder also produced at the time of George VI's coronation, and printed: "First for Thirst. Drink a Loyal Toast in Guthrie's Lemonade."

Geographical red herring

The North-West Passage

By George Malcolm Thomson

(*Secker & Warburg*, £4.75)

The search for a North-West passage connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific by way of the Arctic and the frozen north persisted almost from the beginnings of navigation until Roald Amundsen actually found it in 1903. Thanks to financial assistance from a whaler captain called William Mogg, Amundsen finished his journey on foot at the northernmost American Army post, Fort Egbert, and thence sent a telegram proclaiming his discovery.

It was a formidable achievement and one which had eluded centuries of brave and proficient seamen and yet today Amundsen is remembered as the man who got to the South Pole a month ahead of Scott. The North-West passage, dreamt of as the fast route to Cathay, and therefore a maker of fortunes, is a sort of geographical red herring, acknowledged but useless.

In this detailed study of the voyages which culminated in Amundsen's, George Malcolm Thomson has drawn extensively on the copious diaries compiled by such explorers as Davis, Hudson, Foxe, James, Parry, Franklin and Amundsen himself.

It is a story of extraordinary bravery and hardship, laced with some delicious villainy and made more hazardous by a persisting ignorance. Time and again our heroes believe that they have found the passage only to discover that they are sailing down the Hudson or St Lawrence rivers or into the cul-de-sac of Hudson's Bay. Some of their plans and directives have a touching naivety about them. Hudson, for instance, was ordered to discover the Spice Islands by the simple expedient of sailing due north.

As with other tales of discovery it is men's endurance and courage in pursuit of an end which is at least as fascinating as the end itself. Advances in knowledge scarcely tempered these. In the late sixteenth century John Davis had the foresight to have 14,000 penguins dried for food, yet subsequently the survivors of Hudson's crew were reduced to a pound of candles a man while on Franklin's nineteenth-century expedition two men suffering from giddy spells were able to continue their forced march only after drinking tea and eating a few scraps of burnt leather. The cold itself played some macabre tricks; the mate of one ship was discovered perfectly preserved in ice six months after he had fallen overboard, and Sir Hugh Willoughby and his crew were frozen in life-like postures, like victims at Pompeii.

Some of the adventurers were sponsored by governments or wealthy merchants—others were virtually unbacked, like Amundsen who slipped anchor surreptitiously from Oslo because he was hopelessly in debt. Some seem well prepared and disciplined, while others sailed with hopeless crews or in such unlikely vessels as Ross's "Victory", a converted Isle of Man paddle steamer. Small wonder that some men, like the mate of Foxe's ship, took to the bottle until they were, in a memorable phrase, "all womble".

The text is helped by some splendid illustrations, but not by the one inadequate and confusing map. If this was the sort of chart the explorers had to contend with it is small wonder they were so frequently lost.

Tim Heald

Some puzzling gaps

Five years of Fontana Moder Masters—all you were sup posed to know about Lev Strauss, Popper, McLuha Fanon and Reich but wer afraid to admit your ignoranc It is a considerable achiev ment to have produced 30 these volumes in five year and the occasion is marke with the publication of Eli by Stephen Spender (80p) ar Marx, by David McLella (50p).

The emphasis of the serie seems to have shifted slight over the years. Some of t early titles now appear to ha been men of the mome rather than masters. Andre Sinclair's reverential Guevar for example, ends by sayi "History will probably tre Guevara as the Garibaldi of h age, the most admired revol tionary of his time" which hard on revolutionaries some solid achievement, suc as Chairman Mao. Had Gu vara not been the most roma tically handsome revolutiona of his age, his image migl have faded somewhat sooner.

Marx, in a short, we written and (unlike some the Master's own work tonally intelligible survey David McLennan, joins t other patriarch of the twe tieth century, Freud (Richa Wollheim) who is balanced Jung (Anthony Storr), and tw yotnger colleagues, Rei (Charles Rycroft) and Lai (Edgar Z. Friedenberg).

On the whole the emphas is on the written word, wi writers and thinkers pr dominating. Yeats, Joyc Kafka, Orwell, Lawrenc Proust, Camus and Mailer ar followed by Russell, Malcus Einstein, Gandhi, Poppe Lenin, Lukacs, Chomsky an Wittgenstein.

There are, however, som very puzzling gaps in the fiv year development in what hoped will eventually be "a encyclopaedia". Le Corbusie alone represents all the visu arts. Schoenberg has bee promised for years, but ther are no musicians, no dramati apart from Beckett (no Ibse Shaw or Brecht) no great stag director or innovator, wh changed the way we looked the theatrical arts, such Diaghilev, no very slim volum on Gordon Craig, or even we needed a man of thi particular moment) on Gr towski. No theologians, and n one from the cinema (n even Disney) and, what now becoming embarrassingl obvious, no women at al either as subjects or contrib tors. No Virginia Woolf, Marie Stopes, Margaret Mead Maria Montessori, Gertrud Stein? Slight amends may b forthcoming in that Annett Lavers is to write on Barthe and Mary Douglas on Evans Pritchard. But with two Frenc existentialists marching to wards us in the series (Sartre and Merleau-Ponty) it migh just be time for the editor Frank Kermode, to consider extending the range of th Modern Masters beyond th present rather restricted boun daries.

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o principal characters, evlin, a good-looking ript-writer and David a film director with ie works (a "self- " man, "he accepted rds that were not of choosing"), are un- y smart-set. So smart attitudes, clothes, rals and meals, that I or a while the unre- narness of their life ; to make me quite that was a silly mis- of Mrs Tynan on my

jet from the Prague o a political kidnap- rdinia, a sex clinic in , the bubbling rebel- Lanka and film work of Cinecitta, the society from which they make these forays into other people's beliefs and struggles, more and more resembles an expensive piece of soft art: one of those shiny squeegee armchairs that indents comfortably under a little weight then oozes softly back into place again.

In the society Mrs Tynan obliquely describes, real commitment to anything—either political or emotional—has become impossible. But the greater tragedy is that the *impulse* towards commitment is as strong as ever in these chic heads. What has assailed them, even those who make a dinner-party show of Marxism or any of the take-your-pick liberations is an impotence of the heart.

The sorrow and seriousness of *this theme is* cleverly distanced by Mrs Tynan's stylish counterpoint. She is very witty, very perceptive and retains a real surface relish for the very things she knows to be emblems of despair. Having given herself an exceptionally difficult tone to achieve, she has sustained it perfectly.

Maxine Kumin's heroine, Robin Parks, social heir to all the ready assumptions about women and the middle classes, genetic heir to her mother's failure and actual heir to her family's wealth, is troubled by the need to dispossess herself of this stifling inheritance. She tries by refusing marriage but living with the man who willingly proposes it, in a New Hampshire shack.

It all sounds ordinary enough but Miss Kumin handles her material well. The structure of the book is a little clumsy at times—you have to think twice to get events in a sensibly related sequence—but she has an exact and comic eye that serves her most handsomely in an hilarious Passover supper scene. She also has a good understanding of women in all their ages and stations. There are moving portraits of monsters . . . a grandmother made rigid by her riches, an elderly aunt with failing eyesight, robbed by her young bridegroom, a Jewish mother who rivals one of Roth's for pride, and a group of women whose enthusiasm for consciousness-raising fails to elevate their inescapably dull consciousness. Despite its accecent quality, it is a book that manages to be warmly likeable.

It's hard to know what I feel about John Farris's new book, *Sharp Practice*. Intensely readable, full of false clues, excitement and cleverness, it trades so openly on whatever weakness it is that makes sexual taboos and violence irresistible, is so full of *cheating and repulsiveness*, that half of me wants to condemn a book I couldn't put down. By my own admission that simply wouldn't be fair. So I'll sidestep the issue by saying the book has a Jacobean *quality which is* as lofty a way of covering confusion as I can think of.

A Jack the Ripper figure is loose in Oxford (which gives a specious touch of class to the plot, lots of bosh-intellectual dialogue) and later on, in Tennessee (for the landscape). *Mr Farris writes* as if with a box-office film clearly in mind so there's oodles of blood, sex—of both the straight and incestuous kind—and sudden shock, which he contrives very well indeed. It helped me through the recent rail dispute so effectively, I barely noticed all the delays and changes of train.

John Brooks Barry has built his book around the real Jack the Ripper—whoever *he* was. That, Mr Barry doesn't say. Telling the story from the viewpoint of an unwholesomely attentive nineteenth-century social worker, Mr Barry presents a case for believing the Ripper was helped in his horrible business by one of the Whitechapel whores.

The Manson cult, Myra Hindley and one or two other recent cases help give the argument a plausibility I'm not sure it deserves. No more than averagely familiar with the Whitechapel murders, *I was at* a loss to know how much of the "*evidence*" in this book was invented and how much of it was true.

While I forgive Mr Farris his duplicities because he worked so hard to make me a willing party to them, I'm not nearly so ready to extend the same generosity to Mr Barry. He writes too boringly. The fascination of the story resides *solely in the actual events. His* own personal fascination for what he solemnly calls Sapphic relationships (critical to his thesis) doesn't widen the dimension of the tale so much as fill me with mistrust for his motives in writing this peculiar pudding of fact and fiction.

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Michael Ratcliffe

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Henry James Letters
Volume One 1843-1875
Edited by Leon Edel
(Macmillan, £10)

The largest collection of Henry James letters before this one was made by Percy Lubbock in the years following James's death and published in 1922. Bearing in awful mind the novelist's views on privacy and the artist, exemplified not merely in *The Aspern Papers* but in his own bonfires of destruction at Lamb House, Lubbock was watched over with obtuse tenacity by Mrs William James and with rather more understanding by her son Harry who, *as literary executor, was discovering* for the first time the magnitude and uniqueness of Uncle Henry's achievement.

Leon Edel, who has already fenced dazzlingly with the ghosts of Newport and Rye in a five-volume biography (1953-72), tells us that Lubbock was only allowed to see transcripts *of the letters* to the family and was discouraged, if not positively prevented, from using any more intimate material that *might mar the* lines of the portrait Mrs James felt obliged to pass on to posterity: the Master, as Edel puts it, in top hat, the Great Panjandrum of early modern letters. The effect was grand indeed, but neutered, infuriatingly infallible: part Polonius (as a bitter Thomas Hardy had *earlier observed*); part *Edwardian grande dame*, anticipating Firbank and unconsciously mimicking Wilde.

Very tiny fragments of their foolish, flirtatious and convoluted ladies glinter through even Mr Edel's exhilarating selection. So they should: they do make up a part of the Jamesian personality, but it is a much less significant one than has often been supposed. If he does from time to time adopt a teasing lover's tone to all manner of correspondents, he cries out, too, for "*an intelligent male brain*" *with which* to engage on his travels. Being brother to the formidable William was only a partial answer since in so profoundly affectionate a family much of the correspondence was taken up with news of father and mother, sister Alice, and, to a lesser extent, Aunt Kate and the fighting, pioneering, younger brothers, Wilky and Bob. Travelling and civilization in Europe, and the family, are the chief *subjects of the young* James's letters and they are explored in a voice that is clear, moving and strong: no top hat here. It is also very funny. "They live", he writes of the English women taking, like him, the waters at Malvern,

. . . wholly in the realm of the cut and dried. "Have you ever been to Florence?" "Oh yes." "Isn't it a most peculiarly interesting city?" "Oh yes, I think it's so very nice." "Have you read Romola?" "Oh yes." "I suppose you admire it?" "Oh yes, I think it's so very clever."

Edel's first volume runs to more than 500 pages and covers James's upbringing and early manhood in New York, Boston, Newport (R.I.) and Cambridge (Mass) and his first two adult trips to Europe, above all his residence in, and response to, Florence, Rome, Paris and London. From 1869 on, he regularly sent stories and articles to *Atlantic Monthly, Galaxy* and the *Nation*. In 1874 he gathered the stories together as *The Passionate Pilgrim* and the journalism (at his own cost) as *Transatlantic Sketches*; in 1875 he completed and published his first successful serial-novel, *Roderick Hudson*. Exactly one hundred years ago, the *inexorable Yankee was on his way—and back* to Europe for good. "Dear People All—" he wrote his family from Story's Hotel, Dover Street on November 1, 1875, "I take possession of the old world—I inhale it—I appropriate it!"

Great letters, like long, rich and subtle lives, are addictive, Edel's biography grew in the writing from three volumes to five. The letters were intended as a two-volume supplement to the Life; now they are to fill four of their own. *It will neither be too many, nor* complete. To readers who find the longer-breathed novels virtually unreadable these letters of intensive and delectable apprenticeship can be recommended without reservation:

Henry James with his father, 1854.

the sensibility is recognizably that of the fiction but *syntactically they are scarcely the work* of the same hand. One letter here revealingly confesses a horror of ever "writing thin", which may explain the thickening subterfuge of extravagance that came later.

Plausibly arguing that simple photocopying has rendered complete editions no longer essential, Edel has chosen his letters first for their quality—none is dull—and second for their corroboration of his biography's most crucial corrective views: James is conclusively confirmed as a tireless professional living from his pen and, more important, as a boy, youth and man of passion and deep feeling:

There are no words for these colleges. As I stood last evening within the precincts of mighty Magdalen, gazed in its great serene tower and uncapped my throbbing brow in the wild dimness of its courts, I thought that the heart of me would crack with the fulness of satisfied desire.

While they were clearly assembled with great care as exercises in the writer's art of communicating perceptions, they were also weapons against silence and isolation—he travelled alone most of the time—and their spontaneity rings as true as their thinking is orderly. There is no breath of attachment to any young lady in these years and only the most Hellenic admiration for the beauty of Swiss Guards, Venetian gondoliers and most of the men on the streets of Florence (these were presumably some of the homoerotic effusions to which the philosopher's scrupulous widow took exception in 1919) but no one who reads these letters can fail to catch the overwhelming physicality of the young man who wrote them. Even allowing for the open language of affection common at the time, this is striking.

Family letters abound in verbal hugs and kisses ("I *squeeze* you") and to his close friend T. S. Perry, variously addressed as "Faithless Tom!" and, most innocently, as "*Mein lieber schönster Péri*", he ends one letter with "In a fortnight from now I shall throw myself at yr. neck!". The desire to please was so strong in him that after the shocking death of his cousin Minny Temple, who possessed it in unusual degree, he equated it with the process of loving itself. Since he was, with Byron, the *most ingratiating of correspondents, the most* solicitous of his individual addresses, many of the letters here begin to read like love letters of a very special kind. That, in the end, is what makes their enthusiasm so unforgettable.

Firebird aflame

The Keyes Papers
Vol 1, 1914-1918
Edited by Professor Paul G. Halpern
(The Navy Records Society, The Royal Naval College, Greenwich, £5)

Gallipoli
By Eric Bush
(Allen & Unwin, £7.25)

Churchill used to call Freyberg VC "the Salamander", because of 30-odd scars of battle that stippled his body. He might well have called another old friend, Roger Keyes, "the Firebird", for the famous Admiral of the Fleet made the flames his lifelong habitat. But his flair for being in the thick of *the right things was never more* aptly demonstrated than during the Great War. Keyes, Gallipoli and Zeebrugge are linked in perpetuity.

It is appropriate that his 1914-18 papers should appear at the same time as Captain Bush's book on Gallipoli, for the two sailors came from the same mould. Keyes's first independent *command*, at the age of 17, was a cutter and eight men anti-slaving on the East African coast. Bush was one of the cadets of Blake Term at Dartmouth who, in August 1914, were swept off to sea as midshipmen at war stations. Before his sixteenth birthday he was *commanding* (like his *contemporaries*) a picket boat at the terrible Anzac landings—and became the youngest recipient of the DSC.

In 1936 John North wrote a book about Gallipoli called *The Fading Vision*. But in truth the vision has intensified rather than dimmed. Writers like Robert Rhodes James and Alan *Moorehead brought fresh life* to an old theme. Indeed, the *subject retains* vitality at the highest level, for only recently Arthur Marder, *doyen* of the naval historians, in his survey from the Dardanelles to Oran substantially qualified the view he upheld in his magisterial *From the Dreadnought to Scapa Flow*.

Interest and debate will continue, for Gallipoli, like Arnhem, is a classic case of failure where success promised rich strategic gains—a failure, in each case, ennobled by self-sacrifice almost beyond belief. The might-have-been mingles with admiration. These two new books amplify the human dimension: it is doubtful whether, even in the Keyes *Papers, any unsuspected* fact emerges which radically affects the 50-year-old controversy.

For Captain Bush, indeed, the evolution of the tragedy is mainly a story-line on which to hang his own vivid and valuable recollections alongside the many other eye-witness accounts, frequently unpublished, which he has extracted from untapped sources. Keyes is a different matter. As Chief of Staff to the successive Admirals at the Dardanelles, as the firebird aflame for naval *action, he knew everyone*, saw everything, tried to lead most things. His passionate and persistent plea for a breakthrough by the Fleet never succeeded.

His hopes and fears were poured out in the outspoken letters to his wife (censored by himself!) which form the bulk of his Dardanelles papers. Since others have already examined them it is not surprising that no state *secrets* emerge. What we have is Keyes *himself in sharper focus*—euphoric, inexhaustible, *sans peur et sans reproche*: and (since we can now read in full frankness his thoughts about his colleagues) a set of hectic but life-like images, forming an incomparable portrait-gallery of the men who failed to reach Constantinople. *In addition we* can read virtually every argument, *presented* in white heat, for continuing to force a naval passage.

Was it possible? Professor Marder has come to feel that it was not impossible. The arguments are technical and complicated: but perhaps one effect of the Keyes Papers will be to renew a feeling that courage and faith are not enough —*that when these are* extracted from the Dardanelles *story* the residual bovine leadership, technical incompetence, lack of realism and antediluvian attitudes leave small room for optimism.

Still, on St George's Day, 1918, the future Baron Keyes of Zeebrugge seized his moment of destiny to demonstrate that, had he himself commanded at Gallipoli, the odds of a naval success might just possibly *have* altered from the events which Marder now cautiously *quotes*. For the point about the achievement *on* that epic day is not the predictable gallantry but the long, *meticulous, imaginative* planning behind it.

The papers about Zeebrugge alone justify this new edition by the picture they provide of Keyes' ability to organize as well as to lead. F. S. Oliver, who helped him over his Zeebrugge Despatch, wrote:

You are an odd creature. You see a thing—an enterprise or a policy —in a picture. You see it all as it should be in proportion, and yet in detail; but the detail doesn't get in the way of the proportion.

This is the missing note in the story of Gallipoli.

Ronald Lewin

Bard to the life

William Shakespeare: a Documentary Life
By S. Schoenbaum
(Clarendon Press, £12)

There are some Shakespeare students who appear to believe that the poet's historical background is irrelevant to any study of his work. As far as they are concerned, Shakespeare might have been a nineteenth-century Eskimo who emigrated to Honolulu. For some critics indeed all that *is needed is a deep, introspective* search, with the help of a little phrase out of one of the plays, and they are up, up and away into the empty spaces of trendy chatter. But there are creative scholars like Geoffrey Bullough, Kenneth Muir, Allardyce Nicoll, to mention but a few on this side of the Atlantic, who have illumined our understanding of the age no less than of the texts; and the American, Professor Schoenbaum, is one of their company.

His book is rightly called "a documentary life". It includes not only copies of manuscripts but of maps, portraits, landscapes, most of them beautifully reproduced and all of them closely examined, tested and presented with an excellent account of their provenance and the most recent scholarly assessment of their value and reliability as sources.

*Every biography of Shakes*peare must perforce traverse well-trodden paths; and some of the narrative, though less of the illustrations, cover familiar ground. What gives this volume its especial delight is the successful combination of all its components. The "life" itself *is written with wisdom*, wit and grace of style; and, if the work has the shape, weight, size and price of a coffee-table book, it has the rare quality of a happy marriage between text and illustrations. The latter do not obtrude and distract. On the contrary, they enlarge and enrich the narrative and preserve its continuity.

There are some minor criticisms. A clear facsimile of a letter *is given on page* 143 but in the discussion on the following page Henry V and Henry VI have changed places; Hunsdon is incorrectly described as Lord Chancellor on page 135 and correctly given as Lord Chamberlain on page 136; and regrettably there is no list of illustrations to make easy re*ference to the many treasures* in the volume.

Contemporary documents on Shakespeare and his circle have survived but we have no contemporary portrait. The famous Droeshout engraving was done by a man who was 15 when Shakespeare died and it was therefore unlikely to have been sketched from life. It has had a *mixed reception*. Dr Schoenbaum mentions that an "over-*subtle reader*" may detect a latent irony in Ben Jonson's prefatory verse:

Reader, looke
Not on his Picture, but his Booke.

Dr Schoenbaum is kinder to the Shakespeare monument, a likeness dismissed by Dover Wilson as that of a "self-satisfied pork-butcher"—a harsh judgment on *pork-butchers* and monument alike.

But the especial strength and value of the book lie in the abundance of contemporary records excellently reproduced, ranging from a "view of frankpledge" involving Shakespeare's father, on through the entry in the baptismal register of the poet's birth, his marriage-*licence bond*, his records as a shareholder in the theatre, the grant of a coat of arms which raised the Shakespeare family to the gentry, his will and much else.

The author patiently dissects every record, incident, legend with which he deals and sets *them in their place in the long* spectrum stretching through fact, reasonable deduction, intelligent guess, sheer speculation and on to pure fantasy. Did Shakespeare have to leave Stratford in a hurry because of a poaching incident; was he a lawyer, schoolmaster or otherwise engaged during the "lost" years between leaving Stratford *and emerging as an actor in Lon*don; when did he write the *sonnets*, and to whom were they dedicated? Suspend your judgment until you have read Dr Schoenbaum.

Joel Hurstfield

And the Next Object . . . by Norman Hackforth (Angus & Robertson, £3.20). Still best known, as he himself admits, for being the "mystery voice" for 20 years and countless editions of radio's *20 Questions*, Mr Hackforth also found himself with an amiable talent for tinkling pianos behind the likes of Noël Coward and Bea Lillie and hislife has been a long if not desperately dedicated struggle to make these somewhat marginal gifts support himself and his wife. Failure leaves him commendably unembittered (even his dismissal from *20 Questions* last Christmas is reflected only in the photostat of a singularly tactless letter from a BBC bureaucrat, and success leaves him commendably unimpressed. The book is jolly—well, jolly nice.

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Football

Mackay the diplomat who played a cool game

By Gerry Harrison

At 9.10 last night, give or take a minute or two for the vagaries of the bush telegrah, Derby County became first division champions for the second time in their history and the second time in four seasons. Ipswich Town's failure to beat Manchester City means that Derby's lead at the top is unassailable and makes the results of the coming weekend's fixtures important only in the sub-plot of the fight for a place in European competition.

The chairman of Derby County, Sam Longson, the club's only representative at tonight's game at Maine Road, sipped champagne and said "its absolutely marvellous. Words can't describe how I feel. Ipswich played very well but I was never really worried. I always thought Manchester City could take a point off them." Bobby Robson, the manager of *Ipswich Town, congratulated* Mr Longson and said, "lucky again, but seriously, you deserved it."

On May 8, 1972, when Derby learnt, to their surprise, that they had won the championship *with 58 points because Leeds* United had lost and Liverpool drawn their last matches, the players were *in Majorca and the* manager, Brian Clough, was in the Scilly Isles. This time they were better prepared for success *in absentia.* They were holding their player of the year awards in a Derby night club. The mood was right, the setting conducive, the champagne well chilled.

In a short time much has changed at the Baseball Ground but not the positive style and preference for attacking football which will make Derby popular champions (except on Merseyside and in Suffolk) in a comparatively lean year. Of the 1972 champion*ship side, only Boulton, Todd,* Gemmill and Hector were certain to be regular performers this time, with Hinton and Webster under pressure for selection. Robson, McGovern, O'Hare, Hennessey and Durban have long since moved on. Expensive signings who have taken their places include Nish, Newton, Thomas, Rioch and Lee, and, from within the club's own ranks, Davies, Bourne and Powell.

The biggest change has been at *the top, where David Mackay* succeeded Mr Clough, and many will warm to this success for Mr Mackay *in his first full season as* a club manager. He has surmounted testing obstacles, few of them on the field.

When he came from Nottingham Forest in October, 1973, he was hurled into an extraordinary situation. The players, many of whom had been colleagues of his in the Derby side, staged a sit-in at the club, threatened to strike, signed *a letter asking for the reinstate*ment of Mr Clough, gave active support to the Derby County protest movement, and *in November* stated they would no longer train under Mr Mackay and would turn up only 75 minutes before the fixture with Leeds. Not surprisingly, the side went nearly two months before recording their first victory under new management.

As a player, Mackay, of Tottenham Hotspur, Derby and Scotland, was *a hard tackler,* intimidating, and a superb reader of the game. To his great credit, Mackay the manager *resisted the heavy hand,* played his game coolly and diplomatically, and, with the help only of Des Anderson, *his assistant* and friend, rode the storm. Derby finished in third place.

"I don't blame the players too much in all that", Mr Mackay says. "I can understand their feelings. They had reasons.

"I have always felt we were good enough to win the championship this season. We weren't consistent enough in the first half of *the season, giving* away some silly goals. We came to the top at the right time and rarely had any pressure *on us until the last* weeks."

Nor is his calm ruffled if you ask him how much of the credit should be attributed to Mr Clough, whose post-championship signings included Nish and Newton and who gave the gangling Davies his first chance. "Brian left me some good players, I agree", said Mr Mackay. "But I've added my own and changed a few things. Players win games, not managers, but I want to take all the credit for *direction* and leadership. If we had been fighting relegation, I know who would have taken all *the blame.*"

Leeds on the threshold of a dream

From Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Barcelona, April 23

Barcelona 1 Leeds United 1

A fantastic *performance, and at* last Leeds United have done it. They have become the third British club to reach the final of the European Cup where they will face Bayern Munich on May 28 in Paris. No side has worked harder for this honour over the *last decade of the English* game. On the one hand, here was St George, the patron of Barcelona on this day of Catalan *festival in* the city where the tradition is for a husband to take home to his family a book and a red rose. On the other, there was St George for England. A tricky situation for the saint. In the event, he decided to take the night off, and let the dragon draw its fangs.

And this, Leeds did with their 1—1 draw and an overall aggregate of 3—2 *over the two semi*final ties to take them home to port. Thus, out of 17 British attempts at the semi-final Leeds have now followed in the footsteps of Celtic and Manchester United in reaching their climax. And the remarkable thing about it, was that they did so with McQueen sent off the field 20 minutes from the end only moments after Barcelona had equalized an early goal from Lorimer by a glancing header from Clares.

McQueen's offence at that moment of crisis was a flagrant butt on Clares which saw the Leeds centre half shown the red card and will keep him out of the final. With those 20 minutes *to go,* and Barcelona *throwing* everything at them, and all caution to the wind, it seemed *that Leeds must crumble. But* they did not crumble. And to think that they did it at the end surviving a *ceaseless bombard*ment as they held out compressed in a small sector, like some beleaguered *garrison,* was a magnificent effort.

All the odds were against them, yet, with every man throwing his weight into the defensive battle, and with Stewart in goal bringing off a string of magnificent saves, Leeds held their fort to the last second. They did this, too, without the help and direction of their comminder-in-chief, Giles, who was found unfit to play, as we had all expected. All this, we saw, from our eagle's eyrie of a press *box high up at the top of this* vast stadium, rather like being at the summit of the Empire State *building. So, at last, Leeds have* found a new distinction, for which they have been searching so long.

The goals came first after only nine minutes shortly after the Spaniards had opened their barrage with a shot by *Neeskens and* a header by Heredia both of which were only inches wide; and then, suddenly, a long clearance by Stewart was touched on by Bremner for Jordan to head backwards towards the Spanish goal, and there was Lorimer, carving in from the right to flash an unstoppable shot to the far top corner.

The goal that takes Leeds to Paris. The match is but nine minutes old and Lorimer has scored.

As Barcelona began to turn the screw at the approach of half time, the Campo Nuevo Stadium, with its 100,000 crowd, paying over £250,000, became a cauldron of passionate noise. Moths fluttered lazily in the beams of the floodlights under a blue night. Once, there was a vicious tackle by Neeskens on Lorimer, and a flare*up betwen the lively young Gray* and Cruyff in which the Englishman more than held his own. On *the stroke of half-time,* however, Barcelona were caught in their own offside trap as Lorimer beat Sadurni's dive at the left hand side of the penalty area and there was Bremner to shoot just wide from the winger's cross.

At the interval, Barcelona sub*stituted* Rife for Ascensi and five minutes later, at the change of ends, Gallego was "booked" for a *vicious tackle on Bremner.* Barcelona threw in all their forces on a broad front with Cruyff *creeping dangerously in free spaces* down the left, twice bringing Marinho to diving headers from *his centres both of which* were finely saved by Stewart.

With those 20 minutes left, however, a free kick by Gallego was glanced home by Clares as he outjumped the whole Leeds defence. At that, the stadium exploded like some angry volcano. With the score 1—1, and Leeds only 3—2 ahead, now, the night was heading for its denouement. Then came the sending off of McQueen, and with only 10 men on the field Leeds pulled back Lorimer into defence *with* Hunter at centre half.

The last 10 minutes found every *nerve stretched to bursting point* where every energy should have been sapped, Leeds remained calm, *and composed. It was a matter of* pride. Yet nothing would have saved them, but *for* the brilliance *of Stewart in goal. With 10 minutes* left, he made a world class save as he dived to turn away a flashing shot by Cruyff left handed which looked a goal all the way. Cruyff threw his hands to the skies in despair.

With five minutes left Clares, seemingly clean through from a pass by Cruyff, was magnificently tackled by Gray at the last ditch. And then, in the dying seconds, there was Stewart to earn every medal in sight with yet another brave dive *on his line to keep out* a side header from Neeskens. Moments later the whistle went. *Leeds sanks to their knees, praying* as if to Allah, and then led a victory parade towards the end of this vast *stadium where their* 1,000 supporters were bunched. It was the result of 10 years of effort.

Barcelona had four-fifths of the play, and many of their movements were built up on six, and seven men moves with Rexach a particular danger on the right flank. But theirs was an overdone mosaic of pattern almost effete, in a way, and even Cruyff, though every now and then he showed his classic qualities, was trapped into overdoing the frills and in the end really failed to imprint his authority on the night.

As for Leeds, they were direct, functional and economical. It was a masterly display of teamwork and positional play with Yorath *outstanding, a player who has* grown up in recent months with young Gray, and Hunter, Madeley, Bremner *and McQueen doing their* share against wave after wave of attack. It was a night stitched with emotion.

BARCELONA: S. Sadurni; F. Marinho, F. Gallego, J. A. de la Cruz, M. Migueli, J. Neeskens, C. Rexach, J. C. Heredia, J. Cruyff, J. M. Asensi (sub, J. Rife), M. Clares.

LEEDS UNITED: D. Stewart; T. Cherry, F. Gray, W. Bremner, G. McQueen, N. Hunter, P. Madeley, T. Yorath, P. Lorimer, J. Jordan, A. Clarke.

Referee: E. Linnemayer (Austria).

Chelsea may have to build in the second division

By Norman Fox

Chelsea 1 Sheffield United 1

Chelsea's last minute experiments to save themselves from the fate of relegation from the *first division have almost certainly* failed. After their heavily burdened youngsters held a lead for *78 minutes at Stamford Bridge* last night, they made an unfortunate error, allowing Eddy to score an *equalizing goal. It means* that if Tottenham Hotspur or Luton Town win on Saturday, Chelsea will go down to the second division.

Out of this situation and the recent revolution, there could yet emerge a new, youthful Chelsea worthy of the expensive surroundings. As at Tottenham last Satur*day, the teenagers* that Eddie McCreadie, the new manager, had asked to shoulder the problems, individually served him faithfully —teamwork is something to be developed when times are less pressing.

Again, Britton, a tough little *player in the mould of* Bremner, is promising. So too is Sparrow in defence, and Wilkins took this *important game in his elegant* stride. This, mixed with the incentive of an early goal, some stout defending from Droy, and the uncharacteristically withdrawn approach of Sheffield United, improved Chelsea's outlook *until* ten minutes from the end.

They had to cling to their seventh minute goal with the cunning thrift of small investors in a large company, not an exaggerated parallel in the circumstances. Sheffield United were trying to absorb the pressure of Chelsea's forceful opening in order to take over later, but they were caught out when Droy lumbered into their penalty area to profit from one of Hutchinson's long throws. He hardly had to jump to nod the ball down to the goal line where Maybank stuck out a foot and thrust the ball over the line.

Droy, so often abused for being nothing more than a destructive element in Chelsea's penalty area, became a valuable imposing figure at both ends of the field. After *making the Chelsea goal, he* then ensured that they retained it for an hour by falling into the path of a ferocious shot from Woodward. He received it full in the face, yet barely flinched. After half an hour he was up in the *Sheffield United area to head* another long throw from Hutchinson so powerfully that Brown had to spring into the far corner to make a fine save.

In time it became clear that Sheffield United's cool experience, the promptings of Currie, with *thorough yet unspectacular* midfield work creating dangerous openings, would become a serious *threat to Chelsea's thread of hope.* After Chelsea were weakened by the departure of Locke, who was taken to hospital with concussion, they crumbled when they seemed to have a reasonable chance of holding on.

Sheffield United's captain, Eddy, deflated them not long after Maybank had missed almost an open goal for Chelsea. Field had a good *chance to give Sheffield United the* equalizer, but miskicked from an unmarked position. Eddy was on *hand to score the goal that could* make Chelsea a worried second division club next season.

CHELSEA: J. Phillips; G. Locke (sub, W. Garner), J. Sparrow, I. Britton, M. Droy, R. Harris, D. Hay, R. Wilkins, *E. Maybank, I. Hutchinson,* C. Cook.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: J. Brown; L. Badger, D. Bradford, K. Eddy, E. Colquhoun, J. Flynn, A. Woodward, M. Speight, W. Dearden (sub, T. Garbett), A. Currie, A. Field.

Referee: R. Crabb (Exeter).

Ipswich hopes vanish so Derby are champions

By Gerry Harrison

Manchester City 1 Ipswich 1

Derby County, represented only by their chairman, Sam Longson, won the 1975 first division championship at Maine Road last night. Ipswich Town needed to beat Manchester City to keep their slender *hopes alive,* but although they were the better side for most of the game the task was just too *much for them.*

Derby, junketing some 60 miles away and informed of the progress of this encounter by radio link, should drink a toast to Oakes and Booth in particular, who did most to hold off wave after wave of *Ipswich attacks. They were par*ticularly dominant in the air, where Whymark, among others, usually distinguishes himself.

The gods had already cast their votes *in Derby's favour, it* seemed, before the match started. In the fourth minute Hamilton chased an awkward spinning pass into the City penalty area. Bell seemed to trip him from behind and the Irishman fell heavily. Many referees would have awarded a penalty. Not Mr Styles, however, and within 30 seconds Bell had taken a short pass from Tueart, after Mills had *made an* error, and thumped his fierce shot through Sivell's legs into the net. *It was a bitter pill for Ipswich,* but it was the first of several controversial decisions by Mr Styles which later caused the game to disintegrate, with the help of referee-baiting from one side, tension from the other, and a certain amount of intimidation from both.

Ipswich began on full throttle and at full strength for the first time since the week before Easter. Johnson however, was injured in a clash with Doyle in the twenty-first minute and was soon replaced by Woods. By that time the pattern of the game had been resolved. Despite a rasping shot from Tueart, Bell's early goal, and a thundering drive from Daniels, City's conviction and urgency soon left them as Talbot, Viljoen and Hamilton moved the ball purposefully through midfield.

Oakes and Booth were now in distinguished form at the back and Corrigan was only rarely worried, although the handful of Suffolk supporters who had made the 200-mile trip hung their hopes on a couple of Beattie headers and a *twenty-second minute Viljoen shot,* just before which Whymark fell in a good scoring position.

Marsh, meanwhile, had fallen through an invisible trap door. But he popped up again 12 minutes after the break when his overhead kick was deflected into the net by *Burley, only for the referee to* penalize Bell for offside. Bell and his men were temporarily stung *into action, but it was Ipswich who* struck next with a deserved equalizer in the sixty-seventh minute from their twelfth corner of the game. Lambert took it. Beattie headed the ball into the goalmouth, Whymark controlled it, and Hamilton scored.

Now Hartford, Doyle and Tueart came alive as Ipswich saw the mountain growing higher by the minute, and the final exchanges were fragmented and even. So at the end Ipswich's shining light went out and they left the field with, echoing in their ears, a volley of boos aimed at the referee *and sympathetic applause directed* at themselves.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; G. Hammond, W. Donachie, *M. Doyle,* T. Booth, A. Oakes, A. Hartford, C. Bell, R. Marsh, B. Daniels, D. Tueart.

IPSWICH TOWN: L. Sivell; G. Burley, *M. Mills, B. Talbot, A. Hunter,* K. Beattie, B. Hamilton, C. Viljoen, D. Johnson (sub C. Woods), T. Whymark, M. Lambert.

Referee: K. Styles (Barnsley).

Cricket

Hard work on cold day and slow wicket

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LORDS: Worcestershire, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 93 runs behind MCC.

When I say that it was cold and grey at Lord's yesterday, and that the pitch was slower than slow, it will follow that the cricket was *hard work, especially for the bats*men. In 79 overs, after being put in to bat, MCC were bowled out for 171. In reply, Worcestershire scored 78 for two in the last two hours.

Brief life was the portion of nearly every batsman. Lumb, of Yorkshire, made 52 for MCC with admirable patience; Willey and Taylor tried harder than most to assert *themselves;* Johnson lasted for two hours. But it was not a day on which to want to bar in front of those *selectors who were* there, or one on which a batsman's failures should be held against him.

Radley and Hayes, two with much to play for, were out ingloriously, Radley being leg before to his first ball and Hayes bowled without offering a stroke. The last *innings* of each of them was in Cape Town, in absurdly different conditions. As Boycott's opening partner for Yorkshire and his travelling companion, Lumb has picked up some of the secrets *of survival.* Unexciting he may be, but he puts his head behind the line, and is beginning to be diffi*cult* to remove. Yesterday's 50 was worth a hundred in midseason.

If Willey were one for fulfilling his promise, he might be in the England side by now. Power*fully built,* he has been a *splendid* hitter of the ball since he first played for Northamptonshire nine years ago, when he *was 16.* He was first out yesterday, beaten, like most others, by movement off the pitch. This was a nice slip catch by Ormrod for so early in the season.

With gentle outswing and the help of his wicket-keeper, D'Oliveira removed Lumb and Johnson. As he usually does, Brain bowled well, pitching the ball up, *which was much* more important than trying to bowl fast. Neither Lillee nor Thomson would have wasted their time *bowling* either fast or short on this pitch.

By the time Worcestershire went in, the sun was *making a chill* appearance. They lost Turner in the first over, but MCC dropped a couple of slip catches, Ormrod being reprieved each time, and Wilkinson escaped with much playing and missing. Progress remained slow, the bowling almost all of medium pace or above, but it is the sort of cricket we are going to see until the ground dries out.

Considering how bleak it was, more people made the pilgrimage *than I had expected. The Long* Room seemed sadly empty, though, without Neville Cardus. There was no one *to tell us, in* a way that few dared to question, what *Ranji* might have done to Brain, or that no one *in his* day would have been bowled without playing a stroke—unless, of course, it was *George Gunn,* having decided that it was time for lunch. George Gunn's was the kind of genius that was needed yesterday to overcome the problems of batting freely. As it was, no one looked like doing so.

Scorecard

MCC: First Innings

P. Willey, c Ormrod, b Brain	27
R. G. Lumb, c Wilcock, b D'Oliveira	52
C. T. Radley, l-b-w, b Brain	0
F. C. Hayes, b Holder	6
*R. M. C. Gilliat, c Parker, b Brain	3
G. W. Johnson, c Wilcock, b D'Oliveira	21
R. D. V. Knight, b Brain	8
P. H. Edmonds, b D'Oliveira	0
†R. W. Taylor, c Gifford, b Inchmore	21
R. G. D. Willis, b Inchmore	12
M. Hendrick, not out	10
Extras (b 5, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 3)	11
Total	171

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—39, 2—39, 3—48, 4—51, 5—112, 6—117, 7—117, 8—132, 9—149, 10—171.

BOWLING: Holder, 16—3—38—1; Brain, 20—3—40—4; Inchmore, 14.5—4—12—2; D'Oliveira, 17—8—31—3, Gifford, 12—4—19—0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G. M. Turner, c Taylor, b Willis	0
K. W. Wilkinson, not out	32
J. A. Ormrod, l-b-w, b Edmonds	37
J. M. Parker, not out	7
Extras (b 2)	2
Total (2 wkts)	78

B. L. D'Oliveira, T. J. Yardley, †H. G. Wilcock, *N. Gifford, J. D. Inchmore, V. A. Holder, B. M. Brain to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—60.

Umpires: W. L. Budd and A. E. Fagg.

Cambridge v Surrey

AT CAMBRIDGE
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

W. Snowden, b Younis	26
P. Roebuck, b Roope	11
R. I. Smythe, c Roope, b Younis	7
*C. J. Aworth, l-b-w, b Pocock	5
T. J. Murrills, c Edrich, b Younis	0
A. Hignall, c Jackman, b Younis	3
S. P. Coverdale, b Pocock	7
D. Russell, c Intikhab, b Pocock	1
P. J. Hayes, not out	35
E. J. W. Jackson, c and b, Pocock	8
M. Allbrook, c Long, b Arnold	3
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 1)	4
Total	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—18, 2—41, 3—43, 4—45, 5—47, 6—55, 7—68, 8—90, 9—100, 10—105.

BOWLING: Arnold, 8.1—4—8—1; Jackman, 6—1—16—0; Roope, 7—2—16—1; Younis, 10—6—10—4; Pocock, 18—6—33—4; Intikhab, 7—3—18—0.

SURREY: First Innings

*J. H. Edrich, c Coverdale, b Hayes	23
L. E. Skinner, c Russell, b Jackson	2
G. P. Howarth, c Hignall, b Allbrook	32
D. R. Owen-Thomas, c Hayes, b Allbrook	6
G. R. J. Roope, not out	28
Intikhab Alam, c Coverdale, b Allbrook	8
R. D. Jackman, not out	11
Extras (b 5, w 3, l-b 1)	9
Total (5 wkts)	119

Younis Ahmed, †A. Long, G. G. Arnold, P. I. Pocock to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—43, 3—66, 4—73, 5—85.

Umpires: A. Jepson and T. W. Spencer.

Boxing

Conteh wins injunctio[n] in Francis dispute

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

John Conteh, Britain's world light-heavyweight *boxing* champion, went to law yesterday to tell of his disagreement with his manager, George Francis. His counsel were successful in that *Mr Justice Oliver* in the High Court granted them an injunction restraining the British Boxing Board of Control from hearing complaints by Mr Francis that Conteh would not train for a non-title contest arranged for him at Wembley on May 20. The board's meeting with Mr Francis and Conteh has been postponed until another court hearing on the matter arranged for tomorrow.

At yesterday's hearing, which lasted 75 minutes—compared with the 45 minutes which is the longest Conteh would ever have to box in a title *contest*—Britain's only reigning world champion told, through his counsel, of "growing dissatisfaction" and of eventually becoming "intensely depressed and anxious" while being with Mr Francis, whom he described as being "a better *trainer* than businessman".

Conteh's chief bone of contention concerned the sums of money *he has received for some* contests since he reached championship level as a professional boxer.

These sums, *according to* Conteh, include only £2,000 for boxing Rudiger Schmidtke, of West Germany, for the European light-heavyweight title and £12,000 (or 25 per cent of the gross receipts) for the proposed non-title match with Alvaro Lopez, of the United States, on May 20. Conteh's counsel mentioned offers to the world champion of £150,000 from Nigeria and Sierra Leone.

In his affidavit Conteh said that shortly before one European *amateur championship* in 1971 he met Mr Francis (who had been his *only* boxing manager) on a purely social occasion. *Mr Francis* was already at that time the manager of Bunny Sterling, the British middleweight champion.

"He suggested to me that if I did turn professional I should consider appointing him as my manager", stated Conteh. "I met up with him again after the European championships. He impressed me as a trainer, and *since a mutual acquaintance and* businessman, Leonard Martin, offered me £10,000 to enter into a *management contract with* Mr Francis, I decided to do so, which I did in September, 1971. I have never seen the contract into which we entered.

"I had some 15 fights before I won my first championship. During this time Mr Francis negotiated all contracts for fights on my behalf. I had no particular grounds of complaint at that time.

"My first realization that he was not acting in my best interests came in February, 1973, *when he proposed* that I should fight Jimmy Ellis, a former world heavyweight champion, who was *still at that time a contender for* the world heavyweight title, for a few thousand pounds. Since Mr Ellis was a *heavyweight and I was* a light-heavyweight, it was clear to me that I could gain no advantage from *this fight, and would* run considerable risk if I agreed to it, and that the figures mentioned for my purse were, in *all* the circumstances, wholly inadequate. Fortunately, when he learned my views, Mr Francis did not pursue this unsatisfactory plan.

"The next time that I had occasion to question Mr Francis's conduct of my affairs was in relation to the European championship contest against Rudi Schmidtke, of Germany, when I won the title. My purse on this occasion was only £2,000, which I *thought was wholly inadequate* for a contest of that importance."

It was only recently, said *Conteh, that he became aware of* Mr Francis's failure, in breach of his obligations as manager, to secure the *financial benefits* he could legitimately have expected to receive from his successful contests. "Some particulars of my complaints against him are out *in the letter from my solici*[tors] to him dated 18 April, 1975, in their letter to Mr Harry Le[vene] dated 21 April. In my letter [to] Mr Francis I informed him th[at I] was treating this agreement a[s at] an end.

"The culmination of my [dis]content *came when he purpo*[sed] to enter into a contract with Harry Levene, dated 20 Ma[rch] 1975, whereby I was to fight Hutchings or an opponent to [be] mutually agreed (who has [since] been identified as Lopez) for £12,000, or 25 per cent of [the] gross receipt. As *a result of* [this] discovery that I had appare[ntly] been exploited by him and by Micky Duff and Mr Harry Lev[ene], into whose hands he [had] apparently placed my career[, I] became intensely depressed [and] anxious. I felt unable to con[cen]*trate on preparing for the f*[orth]coming contest with Lopez w[hich] had been arranged on my be[half] and have consulted a Dr Zim[mer]man about my present condi[tion]. He has set out his conclus[ions] about my condition in a rep[ort].

"Since I have not returned [to] training, Mr Francis and Levene have written to the [Boxing] board and required me to ap[pear] *before them today.*"

Conteh said he wanted to m[ake] it clear that in his present co[ndi]*tion and state of mind he* [was] unable, and had no wish, to f[ight] Lopez at the time and on the te[rms] *arranged in the contract.* He [had] been advised that he had [been] entitled to treat his agreem[ent] with Mr Francis as not being b[ind]ing. "And since the agreem[ent] with Mr Levene in relation to [the] Lopez fight was excessively [dis]advantageous to me and ex[ces]sively advantageous to him an[d] Mr Duff," there was an infer[ence] that the Lopez contract had [been] *improperly* obtained and therefore invalid.

Conteh contended that the b[oard] *were not entitled, under their* regulations, to require his app[ear]ance to meet a charge *of mis*[con]*duct without giving him "n*[otice] to include full and proper part[icu]lars of the misconduct alle[ged] which *they have failed to do.*"

In a statement after the hea[ring] Mr Levene, who promoted [all] Conteh's world champion[ship] bouts, said that he and Mr [Duff] had a "complete answer" to the allegations. He said the all[ega]tions "appear to omit any re[fer]ence to payments described [as] *finders'* fees which we have m[ade] to third parties, members of [Mr] *Conteh's family. These paym*[ents] were made at his request and amount to many thousands *pounds.*"

Mr Duff said a finder's fe[e is] a payment made to a third p[arty] for helping to bring two pa[rties] together.

Mr Ray Clarke, secretary of [the] British Boxing Board of Con[trol] said: "Now it is up to the b[oard] on Friday to say why this inj[unc]tion should not be continued. [If] we are successful it is then u[p to] us to fix a date for a new m[eet]ing, which, obviously, would b[e as] quickly as possible."

The British Boxing Board [of] Control is instituting a new c[lass] *of professional boxer—the app*[ren]tice, *with a lower age limit* [of] 17. He will box in contests [of] *four two-minute rounds and,* [like] the amateurs, will wear 8oz glo[ves]. His manager will take only [a] *per cent of his purse instead* [of] the customary 25 per cent.

This means the minimum [age] of a professional boxer which [was] raised from 16 to 18 in 1962, [is] back down to 17 and this co[uld] well be a body-blow to the Am[a]teur Boxing Association who r[un] the risk of losing their top m[en] a year earlier than they do n[ow].

It also means the end of [a] brief honeymoon between respective ruling bodies, the P[ro]fessional Board of Control and ABA, who had a *joint* liai[son] committee. This committee, [ac]cording to Onslow Fane, Board's president, *had made* [no] progress. "We came to the [con]clusion that it was really [a] waste of time", he said.

Rugby Union

Welsh crush Harlequins in Esher sevens final

By Peter Marson

London Welsh, unquestionably the best equipped seven in which a trio of outstanding runners in Rees, Hughes and John Williams, had played a prominent part throughout the evening, beat Harlequins by four goals and two tries (32 pts) to a goal (6) in the final of Esher's floodlit seven-a-side rugby tournament last evening.

There were two surprises in the first round, the first when Sutton and Epsom beat Rosslyn Park, which *was a trifle more startling* than the second, when Oxford beat the host club, Esher, after extra time. Park, *of course,* lacked the sparkle that their many stars would have brought, but Sutton *and Epsom, displaying admirable* composure, immediately took command.

Oxford's victory came as a great disappointment to the local following. Esher, 10 points down at *half-time,* recovered to lead by four points midway through the second half, but a penalty try—the *kick* was charged down—meant extra time, and in this a fine run from halfway by Tapper settled the matter.

In the second round Sutton and Epsom were at the centre of an outstanding match when they upset London Scottish. A splendidly determined *defence kept the* Scots in check in the early stages before Sutton and Epsom took the *lead shortly before half-time* [with] a try at the posts by the [...] Sinclair, who also conv[erted]. Sinclair then put in a super[b run] to score under the crossba[r]. Owen failed to convert. S[...] scored a try, but after the[y] lost Wilson with an injured [...] Owen ran in for a try [which] Sinclair converted.

In the first semi-final L[ondon] *Welsh led 6—4 at half-tim*[e and] tries in the second half by V[...] and Hughes, both of whic[h] Williams converted, gained [them] a comfortable 16—6 victory. [In the] *second semi-final Har*[lequins] thwarted Sutton and E[psom's] stimulating endeavour whe[n they] *ran in three goals to two.*

LONDON WELSH: C. F. W[...], C. R. Williams, K. Hughes, Hullin, J. Vaughan, M. Jones, Williams.

HARLEQUINS: S. Simson, C[...], S. Winship, R. Bavoll, D. H[...], N. Davis, A. Lewis.

FIRST ROUND: London W[elsh] ..., Old Whitgiftians 4; Streatham ... 10, Bosuns 14, Oxford 18, E[sher] ... (after extra time); London ..., Richmond 26; Sutton and Ep[som] ..., Rosslyn Park 6; Metropolitan P[olice] ..., London Scottish 18, Wasps ..., Surbitonians 4; Sidcup 10, H[arlequins] 20.

SECOND ROUND: London W[elsh] ..., Bosuns 10; Oxford 6, Richm[ond] ...; Sutton and Epsom 15, London [Scottish] 4; Wasps 4, Harlequins 12.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: Lond[on Welsh] 16, Richmond 6; Sutton an[d Epsom] 12, Harlequins 18.

FINAL: London Welsh 32, H[arlequins] 6.

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Newcastle reveal new vigour

By a Special Correspondent

Newcastle United 3 Arsenal 1

Even the benefit of a goal as early as the third minute could not save Arsenal from defeat against a rejuvenated Newcastle United side last night. Newcastle attacked with enthusiasm, determined to regain their self-respect before the season finally finished.

Yet it looked as if it was not going to work. After three minutes, dreadful marking at the back allowed Hornsby to put Arsenal ahead from close range. Then Macdonald was clearly brought down by Rimmer, and when the referee, Mr Seel *declined to award* a penalty, Newcastle could have been excused for thinking this was *not to be their night.*

However, they surged forward with fresh vigour and soon Arsenal's defenders were content to kick the ball anywhere in an attempt to ease the pressure. Five minutes before half-time Mancini only half cleared the ball and Craig *equalized with a powerful* shot from all of 30 yards.

Bruce, who is on the transfer list, put Newcastle ahead in the first minute of the second half and, although Hornsby then missed a good chance to equalize, Newcastle became more and more *dominant.* Clark hit the post, and Bruce missed a chance when he drove wide from only five yards.

Then, in the dying seconds, Macdonald, outstanding for England at Wembley last week, scored a goal worthy of any international centre forward. Latching on *to a through ball down the* right, he outpaced all defenders, rounded Rimmer and, from the narrowest of angles, calmly stroked the ball into the net.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: W. McFaul; F. Clark, A. Kennedy, T. Craig, G. Keeley, P. Howard, M. Burns (sub, T. Gibb), G. Nulty, M. Macdonald, A. Bruce, T. Hibbitt.

ARSENAL: J. Rimmer; P. Rice, J. Matthews, P. Storey, T. Mancini, L. Brady, A. Ball, E. Kelly (sub, S. *Nelson*), B. Hornsby, B. Kidd, W. Rostron.

Referee: C. N. Seel (Carlisle).

Results and tables

European Cup, semi-final round, second leg

Barcelona (0) 1 Leeds (1) 1
Clares Lorimer
100,000
Leeds won 3—2 on aggregate

Bayern Mun (1) 2 St Etienne (0) 0
Beckenbauer 76,000
Duernberger
Bayern won 2—0 on aggregate

Cup winners' Cup, semi-final round, second leg

PSV Eindhoven (1) 2 Dinamo Kiev (0) 1
Edstroem (2) Buriak
Dinamo won 4—2 on aggregate

Red Star (0) 2 Ferencvaros (1) 2
Keri, Susic Pusztai
100,000 Mate (pen)
Ferencvaros won 4—3 on aggregate

Uefa Cup, semi-final round, second leg

Juventus (0) 0 Twente (1) 1
Zuidema
Twente won 4—1 on aggregate. Winners meet Borussia Mönchen Gladbach.

First division

Chelsea (1) 1 Sheffield U (0) 1
Maybank Eddy
23,380

Man C (1) 1 Ipswich (0) 1
Bell Hamilton
29,391

Newcastle (1) 3 Arsenal (1) 1
Craig, Bruce Hornsby
Macdonald 21,895

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby Co	41	21	10	10	67	49	52
Liverpool	41	19	11	11	57	38	49
Ipswich T	41	22	5	14	62	43	49
Everton	41	15	17	8	55	41	47
Stoke City	41	17	14	10	64	48	48
Middlesbrough	41	17	12	12	52	40	46
Sheffield U	40	17	12	11	54	51	46
Manchester C	41	18	9	14	53	55	45
Leeds Utd	40	16	12	12	54	44	44
Burnley	41	17	10	14	68	67	44
Queens Park R	41	16	10	15	53	51	42
Coventry C	41	12	15	14	51	60	39
Newcastle U	41	15	9	17	58	70	39
Wolverhampton	41	14	10	17	56	57	38
West Ham U	40	12	13	15	56	55	37
Leicester C	41	12	12	17	46	54	36
Arsenal	40	12	11	17	44	49	35
Birmingham C	40	13	8	19	51	60	34
Tottenham H	40	12	8	20	48	60	32
Luton Town	41	11	10	20	46	64	32
Chelsea	41	9	14	18	41	71	32
Carlisle Utd	41	12	4	25	43	59	28

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Aberdeen (1) 2, Motherwell (2) 3; Dundee (1) 2, Heart of Midlothian (0) 0.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Falkirk (1) 2, Hamilton Academicals (0) 1; Raith Rovers (1) 2, Forfar Athletic (0) 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1, Yeovil 0; Weymouth 1, Kettering 1. First division, north: King's Lynn 3, Gloucester 0. South: Folkestone and Shepway 2, Poole 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Gateshead 3, Morecambe 1; Worksop 1, Buxton 2.

RUGBY UNION: Abertillery 34, Penarth 22; Birkenhead Park 4, New Brighton 27; Lydney 27, Clifton 9; Northampton 15, Metropolitan Police 25; Orrell 9, Waterloo 0; Sale 9, Broughton Park 23; Henley 23, Oxfordshire President's XV 29; Bristol 15, Exeter 3; Pontypridd 6, Pontypool 16.

Second division

Sheffield W (0) 0 Aston Villa (2) 4
23,605 Leonard
Little (2)
Ross (pen)

Third division

Brighton (1) 2 Peterborgh (0) 0
Wilson (pen) 11,509
Fell

Gillingham (0) 1 Bournemth (0) 0
Tydeman 5,725

Hereford (1) 2 Charlton (1) 2
Paine Dunphy
McNeil (pen) Flanagan
6,453

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Plymouth A	45	24	11	10	79	57	59
Blackburn R	44	21	15	8	64	44	57
Charlton Ath	44	21	11	12	75	58	53
Swindon T	45	20	11	14	62	57	51
Crystal Palace	45	17	15	11	62	53	49
Port Vale	44	17	15	12	57	50	49
Peterborough	45	18	12	15	44	49	48
Preston NE	44	18	11	15	61	55	47
Gillingham	44	16	14	14	65	55	46
Walsall	44	16	13	15	61	50	45
Hereford Utd	45	16	13	16	62	64	45
Wrexham	44	15	14	15	63	55	44
Colchester U	44	16	12	16	66	60	44
Grimsby T	45	15	13	17	55	62	43
Bury	44	15	12	17	49	46	42
Chesterfield	45	15	12	18	60	66	42
Brighton	44	16	10	18	56	62	42
Halifax T	45	13	16	16	47	63	42
Southend Utd	45	13	15	17	45	50	41
Aldershot	45	14	11	20	52	61	38
Watford	44	10	17	17	49	69	37
Bournemouth	44	11	12	21	38	55	34
Tranmere R	45	12	8	25	51	56	32
Huddersfield	45	11	9	25	47	76	31

Fourth division

Bradford C (2) 2 Northamptn (1) 1
Johnson (2) John, 1,647

Lincoln (0) 0 Crewe (0) 0
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Reading (0) 1 Rotherham (1) 1
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Torquay (1) 3 Rochdale (0) 0
Provan (3) 2,718

Workington (0) 1 Cambridge (1) 2
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mansfield T	45	28	11	6	89	39	67
Shrewsbury T	45	26	10	9	79	41	62
Rotherham Utd	45	22	15	8	71	39	59
Lincoln C	44	20	15	9	75	45	55
Chester	45	22	11	12	63	38	55
Cambridge U	45	17	14	14	59	45	48
Reading	45	21	9	15	62	46	51
Exeter City	45	19	11	15	56	59	49
Brentford	45	17	13	15	51	44	47
Bradford	45	17	13	16	56	61	47
Newport	45	19	9	17	66	72	47
Southport	44	13	17	14	51	72	43
Torquay Utd	45	13	14	18	46	61	40
Barnsley	45	15	11	19	59	61	41
Hartlepool	45	15	11	19	48	52	41
Doncaster R	45	14	12	19	63	75	40
Crewe Alex	45	11	18	16	34	46	40
Northampton	45	14	11	20	64	73	39
Rochdale	45	12	13	20	58	75	37
Stockport Co	45	12	13	20	43	70	37
Swansea City	45	15	6	24	45	72	36
Darlington	45	13	10	22	50	64	36
Workington	45	10	11	24	36	64	31
Scunthorpe U	45	7	14	24	31	78	28

Today's fixtures

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnet v Wimbledon (7.30). First division (south): Ashford v Poole (7.0).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Walthamstow Avenue v Oxford City (7.45).

For the record

Tennis

STOCKHOLM: A. Ashe beat R. Dell, 7—6, 6—3; C. Mottram beat R. Crealy, 6—3, 6—4; F. McMillan beat K. Johansson, 4—6, 6—4, 6—0; C. Barazzutti beat B. Andersson, 6—1, 6—0; K. Warwick beat L. Lundstedt, 6—1, 6—1; S. Ball beat R. Gildnan, 6—4, 3—6, 6—0; T. Okker beat B. Taroczy, 6—2, 6—3; J. Higueras beat D. Palm, 6—4, 6—1.

AMELIA ISLAND (Florida): Miss M. Louie beat Mrs B. M. Court, 6—3, 7—5; Miss C. M. Evert beat Miss C. Meyer, 6—0, 6—0; Miss M. Navratilova beat Miss K. Kurkendall, 1—6, 6—1, 6—3; Miss S. V. Wade beat Miss S. Stap, 6—3, 6—4; Miss E. F. Goolagong beat Miss B. Downs, 6—3, 7—6; *Miss O. Morozova* beat Miss R. Stark, 6—3, 6—3; Miss J. M. Heldman beat Miss J. A. Anthony, 6—4, 3—6, 6—1.

CHARLOTTE: WCT tournament: First round: I. Molina (Colombia) beat J. Borowiak, 6—4, 6—3; R. Laver (Australia) beat P. Cornejo (Chile), 6—2, 6—1; R. Tanner beat T. Kakulia (USSR), 6—3, 6—3; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat R. Emerson (Australia), 6—2, 7—5; R. Moore (South Africa) beat F. Stolle (Australia), 6—4, 6—7, 6—3; I. El Shafei (Egypt) beat C. Dibley (Australia), 6—3, 6—7, 6—3; B. Gottfried beat O. Bengtson (Sweden), 6—2, 6—3; J. Fillol (Chile) beat T. Ulrich (Denmark), 6—3, 6—3; A. Stone (Australia) beat R. Brien, 6—0, 6—2; B. Fairlie (New Zealand) beat T. Addison (Australia), 7—6, 7—6.

HOUSTON: J. Alexander beat H. Rahim, 6—2, 6—2; V. Amritraj beat S. Smith, 6—3, 7—5; M. Cox beat M. Holecek, 5—6, 6—3, 6—2; H. Solomon beat G. Battrick, 1—6, 6—1, 6—2; P. Dent beat P. Gerkin, 6—3, 6—2; R. Lutz beat E. van Dillen, 6—2, 5—7, 7—5; C. Richey beat A. Amritraj, 1—6, 6—2, 6—4; E. Dibbs beat R. Carmichael, 6—3, 4—6, 6—2; A. Dawson beat T. Gorman, 6—1, 6—4; R. Reid beat T. Edlefsen, 6—1, 6—3; P. Walthall beat G. Stilwell, 6—3, 6—2; Z. Guerry beat J. Simpson, 6—4, 6—4; K. Rosewall beat B. Phillips-Moore, 7—5, 6—1; C. Drysdale beat M. Estep, 3—6, 7—6, 7—5; M. Riessen beat C. Bovett, 6—4, 1—6, 6—4.

MADRID: N. Spear (Yugoslavia) beat M. Lara (Mexico) 5—7, 6—3, 6—3; W. Fibak (Poland) beat F. Gebert (West Germany) 6—4, 7—6; J. Gisbert (Spain) beat M. Robinson (GB) 6—4, 6—2; J. Velasco (Colombia) beat F. Pala (Czechoslovakia) 6—4, 7—5; M. Orantes (Spain) beat J. Moreno (Spain) 6—3, 6—1; J. *Ignacio Muntanola* (Spain) beat J. Loyo-Mayo (Mexico) 6—4, 6—4; G. Goven (France) beat Belus Prajoux (Chile) 7—6, 1—6, 10—8.

NORWICH: R. Drysdale beat T. Fawcett, 6—3, 6—4; Miss Y. Vermaak beat Miss B. Thompson, 7—6, 6—3; Miss L. Mottram beat Miss J. *Connor,* 6—3, 6—2; Miss L. Blatchford beat Miss J. Nicholl (Australia), 6—3, 6—2; Miss M. Tyler beat Miss J. Dimond, 6—2, 6—1; Miss L. Beaven beat Miss K. Walker (Australia), 6—3, 7—6.

Snooker

COOMA (Southern NSW *professional championship:* final round, R. Reardon beat ... Spencer, 19—18; A. Higgin[s beat] *Williams,* 21—16; D. Taylo[r beat] Owen, 23—14; E. Charlton [beat] Thorburn, 23—14.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Twins 7, California Angels ...; Tigers 0, Cleveland Indians ...; York Yankees 5, Boston R[ed Sox] ...; Baltimore Orioles 1, Milwauk[ee] ... 0; Texas Rangers 2, Oaklan[d] ... 1; Chicago White Sox 7, K[ansas City] Royals 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: ... Phillies 7, Chicago Cubs 5; Expos 4, Pittsburgh Pirate[s] ...; Cincinnati Reds 3, San Francisc[o] ...; New York Mets 9, St Loui[s] ... 5; Atlanta Braves 3, L[os Angeles] Dodgers 2; San Diego ... Houston Astros 1.

Hockey

MANNHEIM: Universiti[es] national tournament: Great [Britain] ..., Belgium 0; West Germany 6, Great Britain 3; France ..., Germany A, Belgium 0.

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sharp Nip in the Air to prevail at Epsom

hael Phillips
Correspondent
rincess Elizabeth Stakes is replece of the third day psom spring meeting. A o Elegant Tern, a filly the United States by Paul and trained for him at re by Ian Balding, won eted prize. Today the m are back, bent on win- again, this time with Nip ir.

the filly who performed y in the Grand Criterium last October. On that she finished third, less e lengths behind the two olts, Start and Orange art ended the season as est-rated two-year-old in metimes it is difficult to foreign form, but we ue in that their best last npared favourably with elsewhere because Bol- and Carnauba have themselves well here this

ki, the equal of Orange e Italian Free Handicap, second in the Craven t Newmarket last week, auba romped away with Darling Stakes. From ll be seen that Nip in the well against their best he autumn. Balding has d today's race in mind nd she is my selection. long been a favourite Noel Murless, who has won it six times, but not since 1966. Shallow Stream, his runner this afternoon, has been working well, according to our Newmarket Correspondent, but one is bound to wonder whether one so richly endowed with staying blood—she is by Reliance out of a half-sister to the St Leger winner, Cantelo—will find a mile and 110 yards around Epsom a trifle too sharp. It was over a mile and a quarter that Shallow Stream came into her own as a two-year-old when she gained her only victory in the Zetland Plate at Newmarket on November 1.

Shallow Stream was having her first race when she finished third behind Indian Question and Adorable Princess—two other members of today's field—at Newmarket in July. Indian Question, who will be ridden by Lester Piggott, won three races in a row before she finished fourth behind One Over Parr from Dun Habit and Tebaldi at Goodwood in August. Marcela is highly regarded by Computer-form and she is the only member of the field to have won at Epsom as a two-year-old, a point in her favour.

Piggott rode her when she beat Melody Hour in August and today it is noticeable that Piggott has changed his allegiance to Indian Question. However he fares in the big race, Piggott should not leave the course empty-handed just as he has not failed to make his mark on either of the other two days here. He may well win the last two races on Asdic and Captain's Table. Asdic, my selection for the Dean Swift Handicap, finished third behind Tudor Crown and Knight Templar at Newmarket last week. By taking a line through Knight Templar, who had beaten Supreme Halo at Kempton Park on Easter Monday, it is possible to argue that Asdic ought to beat Supreme Halo now.

Mother Brown, the easy winner of her first race at Doncaster, may be at an advantage in the Kingswood Stakes in that she has run already this season and shown herself to be in form. But it is still difficult to overlook the fact that Captain's Table was good enough to finish third to Red Cross and Green Belt in the Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury in the autumn, beaten less than three lengths. With Green Belt winning the Free Handicap this season, that form has been franked.

Nearly New ran well enough in the Newbury Spring Cup on Saturday to increase hope that he can win the Spring Apprentices Handicap at the expense of Summer Knave and Liberty Lawyer. Balldon finished just behind Irma Flintstone at Doncaster, but he looked the more backward of the two and he is preferred for the Ladbroke Dragonara Hotels Stakes.

Jeremy Hindley and his stable jockey, Tony Kimberley, took Epsom by storm yesterday when they won the two most valuable races with Swell Fellow and Invergayle. Both horses are owned in partnership by Lord James Crichton-Stuart and his American friend, Joe L. Allbritton, a Texan banker and the proprietor of the *Washington Star*. Invergayle carried the latter's pale green and white colours when he just contrived to pip Charlotson, Albrighton and Spring Barley in a tight finish in the Warren Stakes.

Kimberley, who was apprenticed to Sir Gordon Richards, was seen to great effect on Invergayle, as he was half an hour later on Swell Fellow, whose sterling late flourish deprived Mon Legionnaire of the City and Suburban Stakes when it seemed that Mon Legionnaire was bound to win. On Swell Fellow, Kimberley wore the orange and black colours that one used to associate with the talented hurdler Chorus, who once finished second to Persian War in the Champion Hurdle, and with another good jumper, Rubor.

Kew Gardens, who had something of a barging match with William Pitt halfway up the straight, ran well to finish third, but he was six length adrift of Swell Fellow and Mon Legionnaire at the end.

If he was disappointed not to land the big catch on Mon Legionnaire, Paul Cook made up for it half an hour later by winning the Hyde Park Stakes on Chief Constable, another two-year-old winner by Tribal Chief,

Tony Kinkerley, on Swell Fellow, winning the City and Suburban Stakes at Epsom yesterday.

STATE OF GOING (official): Perth: good. Taunton: good to soft. Worcester: soft. Epsom: good. Redcar: soft. Sandown Park: steeplechase course, good; flat course, good to soft, except for first 150 yards of Eclipse course, which is soft.

Desperate Dee could be the one to chase home The Happy Hooker

By Michael Seely

Peter Cundell has made a good start to his new career as a public trainer. Previously assistant to his father Kenneth Cundell, Peter took over the licence at the beginning of the current jumping season. This afternoon at Redcar he attempts to win his fifth race on the flat when he saddles The Happy Hooker in the Newby Stakes, the most valuable event on the card.

The four-year-old has already proved herself well suited to the prevailing heavy ground having scored consecutive victories in handicaps at Warwick and Wolverhampton. In gaining her last success The Happy Hooker was particularly impressive. Always travelling well within herself the mare took up the running below the distance and drew clear to beat Taw and Torridge easily by two lengths.

Of her opponents this afternoon last year's Northern Free Handicap winner, Green Signal, looked in need of the run when unplaced at Pontefract. In any case he is probably at his most effective over a longer distance than today's mile. The greatest danger will probably come from Desperate Dee, a thoroughly unreliable character who possesses all the ability in the world, but persistently declines to show it on the racecourse. Beaten under a length by Wishing Star in the Gimcrack Stakes he has only won three races since that time. He is leniently handicapped now and having finished second in his past two races may be the one to chase home The Happy Hooker.

The final three races may fall to Newmarket stables. In the Gunnergate Plate, a maiden event run over one mile three furlongs, Michael Jarvis runs Kung Fu. David Robinson's horses are usually quick off the mark every season, but this time, in common with other animals trained in that area, they have been slow to find their form. I made a favourable note of Kung Fu when I saw the colt finish second to Horseguards at Doncaster at Easter. He appeared to have wintered exceptionally well, but stripped a shade on the burly side.

He ran extremely well, disputing the lead with the winner from early in the straight until Horseguards fitness told in the final quarter of a mile. Kung Fu has a tough nut to crack this afternoon in the shape of Willie Ormond, trained for John Banks by Nigel Angus at Ayr. Willie Ormond narrowly failed to land a gamble at his home course on Saturday when beaten half a length by Gold Claim. That run should have tuned him up but I should still rely on the promise shown by Kung Fu at Doncaster as Horseguards has subsequently gained easy victories at Wolverhampton and Chepstow.

Jarvis may also take the Flamborough Apprentice Stakes with Cheeky. This 41,000 guineas yearling made little show as a two-year-old, but has been working well on the heath recently and may recover a fraction of his purchase price today.

The one and a quarter mile Whitby Stakes may go to Warbeck, trained by Harry Wragg. Warbeck was backed to win an apprentice handicap, won by Stetchworth Lad, at Newmarket recently. Warbeck was slowly away from the stalls, and although he recovered to finish third his effort was well held in the last two furlongs. Stetchworth Lad was unlucky not to win at Epsom on Tuesday and Warbeck looks to have an outstanding chance.

Hexham inspection

Hexham's race meeting next Monday is in "considerable doubt" because of waterlogging and there will be an inspection tomorrow.

m programme

m (IBA): 3.10, 3.45 and 4.15 races]

NG HANDICAP (£819 : 7f)
11- Hovis (C) (Sir M. Turner), R. Smyth, 5-9-7 P. Cheese 5 2
-2 Summer Knave (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 5-9-6 N. Carver 7 4
2- Mens Madness (Lord Rotherwick), W. Hern, 4-9-6 P. Robertson 7 12
02 Nearly New (W. Norton), E. Swift, 4-9-5 J. Smith 7 14
-4 Parbleu (Mrs A. Kidd), A. Stevens, 6-9-3 M. Simmonite 7 5
3- Frisky Ruler (Mrs M. Haggas), J. Hindley, 4-9-1 N. Crowther 7 11
-0 Kilmorony (Miss E. Anthony), G. Kindersley, 5-9-1 .. — 9
-0 Liberty Lawyer (E. Wilks), L. Hall, 5-8-8 .. D. Barker 5 6
0- Firetail (D. Russell), G. Hunter, 4-8-8 .. A. Cressy 13
0- Sugar Moss (C) (Mrs R. Smyth), R. Smyth, 6-8-6 M. Siddle 7 8
0- Bermondo (Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 4-8-4 P. Young 7
22 Supergrey (R. Bennett), R. Hannon, 5-7-11 C. Sheppard 7 1
0- Old Sid (P. Levy), W. Stephenson, 5-7-11 .. S. Hives 3
13 Fighting Brave (V. Hamill), G. Harwood, 3-7-7 K. Smith 5 10
er Knave, 9-2 Hovis, 6-2 Nearly New, Parbleu, 7-1 Mens Madness, Ruler, 10-1 Bermondo, 12-1 Liberty Lawyer, Kilmorony, 14-1 others.

TMINSTER STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £581 : 5f)
1 Come My Way (D) (C. Hill), M. Delahooke, 8-12 I. Johnson 5 1
10 Honey Thief (D) (J. Turner), G. Hunter, 8-12 .. J. Reid 5 4
31 Miss Kissfield (D) (W. O'Connell), B. Hills, 8-12 W. Carson 6
0 Positive Dream (A. Katz), W. Marshall, 8-8 .. R. Marshall 7
Living Legend (A. Perry), D. Whelan, 8-5 .. G. Lewis 5
Okie (F. Laker), R. Smyth, 8-5 .. T. Cain 3 3
Some Jewel (J. Ratcliffe), M. Haynes, 8-5 .. T. Carter 2
issfield, 5-1 Honey Thief 5-1 Come My Way, 8-1 Positive Dream, 4-1 Living Legend, 16-1 Some Jewel.

NCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (3-y-o fillies : £3,882 : 110yd)
0- Balanspick (Sir R. Cohen), G. Smyth, 8-11 .. P. Waldron 5
4- Indian Question (S. Joel), H. Cecil, 8-11 .. L. Piggott 11
1- Marcela (C) (J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 8-11 .. A. Murray 3
-0 Miss Monaco (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 8-11 T. McKeown 1
1- Nip in the Air (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-11 J. Matthias 10
1- Persian Market (O. Waller), J. Hindley, 8-11 A. Kimberley 2
1- Shallow Stream (H. Joel), N. Murless, 8-11 .. G. Lewis 8
2- Adorable Princess (M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-6 .. B. Taylor 9
2- Juliette Marny (J. Morrison), J. Tree, 8-6 .. G. Starkey 4
Mumtaz Princess (J. Irwin), B. Hills, 8-6 .. W. Carson 7
3- School Bell (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-6 .. J. Mercer 6
n Question, 8-1 Marcela, 6-1 Nip In The Air, Persian Market, Stream, Mumtaz Princess, 10-1 Miss Monaco, Balnespick, 14-1

GONARA HOTELS HANDICAP (£2,265 : 5f)
-2 Irma Flintstone (D) (J. Turney), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-7 E. Johnson 4
1- Persian Breeze (D) (G. McCormick), N. Angus, 5-9-4 T. Ives 5
10- Maxi's Taxi (D) (Mrs K. Grob), M. Masson, 5-9-0 A. Bond 5 10
10- Desert Way (CD) (R. Pritchard), B. Swift, 3-9-0 K. Daniels 7 8
-3 Balldon (D) (H. Joel), G. Harwood, 5-9-0 .. G. Starkey 6
-4 Honeyblest (D) (J. Slade), Doug Smith, 3-8-12 T. McKeown 1
34 Kingshott (CD) (Mrs M. Hill), N. Callaghan, 3-8-8 L. Piggott 7
-0 Algora (D) (R. Howell), A. Stevens, 3-8-8 R. Weaver 5 12
-4 September Sky (D) (A. Tenty), G. Balding, 4-8-8 P. Eddery 2
0 Tribal Feast (D) (Mrs J. Milne), B. Swift, 3-8-6 R. Wernham 5 3
Havam (D) (G. Gibson), R. Mason, 3-8-5 .. P. Eddery 9
Clear Melody (D) (A. Madden), S. Nesbitt, 4-8-1 G. Lewis 13
Mujeo (CD) (Mrs M. Johnson), P. Cundell, 6-8-1 D. Cullen 11
blest, 9-2 Persian Breeze, 5-1 Irma Flintstone, 6-1 Balldon, Maxi's ert Way, 8-1 Kingshott, 10-1 Algora, 16-1 others.

SWIFT HANDICAP (£1,183 : 1¼m)
Wishing Star (CD) (C. Berlin), D. Marks, 6-9-9 .. — 7
Kinglet (CD) (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 5-9-9 J. Mercer 3
Anji (D) (G. Coleman), J. Sutcliffe jun, 6-9-8 W. Carson 10
Huzzar (D) (F. Sasse), D. Sasse, 4-9-3 R. Edmondson 9
Neutron Star (D) (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 4-8-12 S. Cottis 5 4
Clove Hitch (Lord Fairhaven), B. Hobbs, 4-8-12 G. Lewis 11
Supreme Halo (Miss S. Rampton), R. Smyth, 5-8-12 E. Eldin 1
Asdic (D) (J. D'Avigdor-Goldsmid), S. Ingham, 4-8-11 L. Piggott 2
Spanish Lantern (CD) (C. Sheppard), M. Goswell, 4-8-11 B. Rouse 6
King's Messenger (L. Maguire), M. Haynes, 4-8-3 T. Carter 5
Whistler (E. Curtis), D. Jermy, 7-7-7 .. P. Simpson 7 8
-1 Kinglet, 5-1 Supreme Halo, 11-2 Anji, 6-1 Huzzar, 8-1 Neutron Star, 14-1 Clove Hitch, 16-1 others.

WOOD STAKES (3-y-o : £1,019 : 1m 110yd)
Mother Brown (A. Struthers), J. Dunlop, 8-13 Ron Hutchinson 14
Arzemboy (T. Rice), W. Marshall, 8-11 .. R. Marshall 10
Big Venture (Sir J. Scott), D. Sasse, 8-11 R. Edmondson 11
Captain's Table (J. Whitney), J. Tree, 8-11 .. L. Piggott 16
Collaborator (W. Mann), A. Pitt, 8-11 .. P. Eddery 5
Copper Castle (P. Simonis), M. Haynes, 8-11 .. A. Murray 18
Gipsy Bloom (J. Slaylor), Ashworth, 8-11 C. Williams 20
Kildoon (A. Perry), D. Whelan, 8-11 .. G. Lewis 6
Magic Summer (T. Allen), R. Smyth, 8-11 .. T. Cain 3 12
Never Second (D. Prenn), J. Winter, 8-11 .. B. Taylor 9
Pink Palace (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 17
Amborbel (Mrs E. Hill), C. Benstead, 8-8 .. B. Rouse 33
Hunza Dancer (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 8-8 .. J. Wilson 7
London Girl (J. O'Leary), M. Haynes, 8-8 .. P. O'Leary 7 8
Orchid (Mrs G. Todd), S. Ingham, 8-8 .. T. Carter 1
Snadari (Mrs J. Nathan), C. Benstead, 8-8 .. 4
Straw House (J. McNamara), C. Benstead, 8-8 D. Cullen 19
Tudisear (G. Pritchard-Gordon), R. Smyth, 8-8 P. Cheese 7 3
Western Midsummer (Mrs F. Nagle), Mrs F. Nagle, 8-8 A. Bond 5 2
Nice Romance (K. Dodson), S. Ingham, 8-5 G. Ramshaw 15
Brown, 7-2 Captain's Table, 4-2 Never Second, 6-1 Kildoon, ce, Gipsy Bloom, 12-1 Magic Summer, 16-1 others.

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lew. 2.35 Miss Kissfield. 3.10 NIP IN THE AIR is specially d. 3.45 Balldon. 4.15 Asdic. 4.45 Captain's Table.
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Knave. 3.10 Shallow Stream. 3.45 Honeyblest. 4.45 Never

r programme

ROUGH PLATE (2-y-o : £414 : 5f)
Jukes Walk (G. Toft), Toft, 8-11 .. B. Connorton 5
Melody Boy (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-11 .. C. Moss 6
Pall Tavi (A. Balding), Balding, 8-11 .. J. Balding 3
Part-Ex (D. Cullor), S. Nesbitt, 8-11 .. G. Moore 8
Portrayal (R. Lake), K. Payne, 8-11 .. T. Lappin 9
Resin (M. Wrigley), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 .. J. Skilling 3
Snapstrike (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 8-8 .. A. Cousins 1
Linda's Pet (G. Dawes), J. Berry, 8-8 .. E. Apter 10
Mayswing (A. Snipe), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 .. M. Birch 4
Torver (E. Driffield), E. Weymes, 8-8 .. S. Perks 7
ing, 7-2 Jukes Walk, 5-1 Part-Ex, 6-1 Snapstrike, 8-1 Pall Tavi, Pet, Melody Boy, 14-1 others.

TON PLATE (2-y-o fillies : £414 : 5f)
Pennina (D) (J. Throup), M. W. Easterby, 9-1 .. E. Hide 3
Right View (D) (J. Brown), W. Wharton, 9-1 .. F. Morby 2
Blue Beck (K. Boardman), S. Nesbitt, 8-8 .. G. Moore 4
Fancy Streak (T. Taylor), J. Hardy, 8-8 .. C. Moss 1
Friendly Jester (Mrs F. Russell), R. Bastiman, 8-8 G. Duffield 6
Golden Tribe (Mrs G. Stenberg), G. Toft, 8-8 B. Connorton 7
Queen's Leap (K. Daynes), Shedden, 8-8 .. M. Bray 8
Weigh-In First (A. Maiden), S. Nesbitt, 8-8 .. C. Eccleston 1
, 5-2 Right View, 15-2 Golden Tribe, 10-1 Blue Beck, Weigh-In, Friendly Jester, 16-1 Fancy Streak, Queen's Leap.

HANDICAP (£829 : 1m)
Green Signal (C) (E. Sheffield), P. Rohan, 4-9-7 J. Seagrave 8
The Happy Hooker (D) (R. Dean), P. Cundell, 4-9-5 P. Cook 7
Dance All Night (C) (Miss C. Hall-Dare), W. Elsey, 4-9-4 E. Hide 3
Connecticut (F. Perm), J. Hardy, 4-9-1 .. C. Moss 2
Shieldfield (CD) (W. Arnold), C. Jones, 6-8-13 G. Oldroyd 5
Desperate Dee (CD) (H. Swarbrick), J. Calvert, 6-8-11 S. Freeman 7 5
Lochranza (CD) (H. Michael), E. Carr, 4-8-9 W. Bentley 6
Kenco (D) (Mrs V. Haigh), W. Haigh, 6-8-6 S. Salmon 5 1
Slobara (D) (Mrs J. Aspell), W. Haigh, 6-8-5 O. Gray 3 4
appy Hooker, 9-2 Desperate Dee, 6-1 Green Signal, 8-1 Dance All ochranza, 12-1 Connecticut, Kenco, 14-1 Shieldfield, 33-1 Slobara.

ERGATE PLATE (3-y-o : £414 : 1m 3f)
Kung Fu (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-0 .. B. Raymond 4
Say Us (R. Earl), Denys Smith, 9-0 .. P. Kelleher 8
Stark Ribot (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 .. E. Hide 2
Willie Ormond (J. Banks), N. Angus, 9-0 Richard Hutchinson 3
Black Music (R. Sangster), E. Cousins, 8-11 .. E. Wilson 1
Boulevardier (F. Sasse), D. Sasse, 8-9 .. F. Morby 5
Hemingway (W. Kirby), K. Whitehead, 8-9 .. J. Skilling 6
Sorbonne (A. Manning), R. C. Ward, 8-9 .. C. Eccleston 7
Hygica (G. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 8-6 .. G. Duffield 9
Tyrosa (A. Freebairn), J. W. Watts, 8-6 .. J. Lowe 10
Ormond, 11-4 Kung Fu, 5-1 Stark Ribot, 6-1 Boulevardier, 8-1 10-1 Say Us, 12-1 Hemingway, 16-1 others.

Y HANDICAP (3-y-o : £436 : 1¼m)
Pearl Drop (Lady Hardy), Doug Smith, 8-8 .. E. Hide 5
St Tryst (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-7 .. B. Raymond 2
Carlton Saint (F. Reacher), J. Hardy, 8-7 .. C. Moss 3
Warbeck (Sir P. Oppenheimer), H. Wragg, 8-4 .. P. Cook 6
Parva Prince (G. Symonds), F. Carr, 8-1 .. G. Duffield 6
Incensed (P. Asquith), J. Shedden, 7-12 .. K. Lewis 5 1
John McNab (Miss J. Hilton), N. Angus, 7-9 Richard Hutchinson 7
Rethink (Mrs E. Harrison), A. Dalton, 7-6 .. C. Eccleston 4
Crackador (G. Glassad), J. Turner, 7-5 .. L. C. Parkes 8
k, 4-1 Incensed, 5-1 Carlton Saint, 7-1 St Tryst, 8-1 Pearl Drop, Nab, Parva Prince, 16-1 Rethink, 20-1 Crackador.

IBOROUGH HANDICAP (3-y-o : £440 : 7f)
Ma's Baby (C) (Mrs G. Chapman), S. Nesbitt, 9-3 A. Crook 1
Grand Hope (S. Hawkswell), M. H. Easterby, 8-10 W. Radmore 7 8
Ray of Olliss (R. Peers), F. Carr, 8-8 .. G. Duckworth 7 10
Croisette (G. Reed), S. Hall, 8-7 .. J. Bleasdale 4
El Basque (A. Cressman), P. Cundell, 8-7 .. R. Middleton 2
Cool Hand Luke (C) (Mrs J. Hutchinson), W. Murray, 8-5 P. Harmon 7 5
Cheeky (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-2 .. J. Thompson 7 3
Second Nature (Mrs Y. Etherington), J. Etherington, 8-1 B. Hood 6
Alcayde (O. Hague), R. Hutchinson, 8-0 .. T. Walsh 11
My Sunny (J. Appleton), J. Calvert, 8-0 .. S. Freeman 3
Midnight Flame (Mrs P. Weymes), E. Weymes, 7-12 T. Carlson 9
aby, 4-1 Croisette, 5-1 My Sunny, 6-1 Ray of Olliss, 8-1 Grand que, 10-1 Cool Hand Luke, 12-1 Cheeky, 20-1 others.

Taunton NH programme

2.15 ADJACENT COUNTIES HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (£272 : 3m 1f)
1 b00-10p Karacola (CD), T. Micklem, 10-13-12 .... Mr C. Micklem 5
2 111-f Stanhope Street, T. Forster, 9-12-12 .... Mr B. Venn 7
3 403 Talhapo, J. Cobden, 13-12-8 .... Mr R. Alner
4 000 Bontemps, R. Armytage, 6-12-1 .... Lord Oaksey
5 2-0p4 Dunany Point, Mrs N. Coombe, 12-12-1 .... Mr M. Weedon 7
6 12 Evens Bar (D), Mrs A. Frank, 7-12-1 .... Capt B. Stanshaw 5
7 33- Hard Times II, K. Barrow, 10-12-1 .... Mr A. Barrow 7
8 up1 Hawaian Maiden, H. Wakeham, 6-12-1 .... Mr P. Wakeham 7
9 34p100 Mr Vimy, J. Old, 12-12-1 .... Mr J. Brown 7
10 Sparkling Lad, R. Williams, 9-11-12 .... Mr K. Bishop 7
11 Bold Rarity, Lord Ullswater, 11-11-12
12 Formality, R. Woodhouse, 8-11-12 .... Mr R. Woodhouse 7
13 40-p Jim Hardy, Mrs S. Hembrow, 11-11-12 .... Mr R. Cullow 7
14 fp-u4f0 Joed, I. Dudgeon, 8-11-12 .... D. Shaw 5
16 f Mr Q, K. Barrow, 9-11-12 .... Mr R. Hoare 7
17 Quintus Fabius, C. Spencer, 8-11-12 .... Col C. Spencer 5
18 f-3f4 Rich Rose, M. Churches, 10-11-12 .... Dr D. Chesney 7
9-4 Evens Bar, 100-30 Stanhope, 9-2 Rich Rose, 13-2 Hawaian Maiden, 8-1 Mr Vimy, 10-1 Karacola, 12-1 Talhapo, 16-1 others.

2.45 PICKERIDGE HURDLE (Handicap : £272 : 2m)
2 00 Great, D. Browning, 6-12-2 .... M. Stanley 8
3 1f2-000 Pharnos, K. Pipe, 6-11-11 .... Mr J. Aldsworth 7
4 004013 Golden Fighter, Y. Cross, 5-11-10 .... R. Atkins
5 f00200 On Wyndermere, J. Evans, 4-11-10 .... J. Spouse 7
7 000 Sporting Joe, Mrs E. Gaze, 6-11-9 .... R. Hyett
8 0p0002 Super Mex, M. McCourt, 5-11-6 .... A. Varley 7
9 003000 High Wire, S. Mellor, 4-11-5 .... J. Glover
12 2p0202 Blue River Wonder, H. Manners, 6-11-3 .... J. Collinane 7
13 00000 Don Bernardo, G. Kindersley, 6-11-2 .... Mr J. Butchard 7
14 208004 Golden Lichen (CD), D. Jones, 5-11-2 .... T. Walshe 5
17 ff-0000 The Donstan, E. McNally, 6-11-0 .... G. McNally
18 304000 Briarcote, P. Dryden, 4-10-13 .... C. Peck 7
19 000p Duke Ride, E. Birchall, 4-10-11 .... C. Smith
20 00040 Daybrook Jane, C. James, 4-10-6 .... N. Soles
21 000-000 Oriental Spice, R. Pincombe, 6-10-6 .... Mr G. Edwards 7
23 200004 Pop Talk, J. Bradley, 4-10-3 .... M. Williams 7
24 p00 Tumble Bird, R. Willis, 4-10-0 .... C. Jones 7
25 03p003 Silver Rondo, C. James, 4-10-0 .... C. Candy
2-1 Golden Fighter, 3-1 Blue River Wonder, 9-2 Golden Litchen, 6-1 High Wire, 8-1 Super Mex, 12-1 On Wyndermere, Silver Rondo, 16-1 Pep Talk, 20-1 others.

3.15 JANIE HUSBANDS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £606 : 2m 3f)
1 f11021 Celtic View, G. Kindersley, 8-11-13 .... H. Barry
2 113242 Beechwalk (CD), T. Forster, 12-11-9 .... P. Davies
5 122204 Bybrook (CD), G. Balding, 7-11-7 .... K. Roberts
10 uup200 Le Robsian (D), G. McNally, 6-10-5 .... —
11 f232f3 Tradaree, Miss S. Morris, 13-10-4 .... P. Keane
12 32p01-0 Dolly Boy (D), W. Fisher, 11-10-3 .... R. Floyd
14 133 Hail Fellow, I. Wardle, 11-10-3 .... —
15 043040 Frozen Forecast, Mrs E. Gaze, 7-10-2 .... B. Jones
16 f22003 Cingalese, G. Bach, 6-10-1 .... B. McNally
18 200p20 Camp Carson, Mrs L. Dingwall, 8-10-0 .... M. Stanley
19 Stiphado, N. Nutting, 6-10-0 .... P. Richards
20 400f00 Marie's Bow, C. Fox, 9-10-0 .... C. Jones
24 f3-f0 Harnage Barnie, L. Thomas, 7-10-0 .... M. Barrett
11-4 Celtic View, 4-1 Beechwalk, 9-2 Bybrook, 13-2 Tradaree, 8-1 Hail Fellow, 10-1 Frozen Forecast, Cingalese, 12-1 Dolly Boy, 16-1 others.

3.45 STAPLEHAY HURDLE (Handicap : £442 : 3m 1f)
1 402f40 Spy Glass, M. James, 6-11-7 .... Lord Oaksey
2 -0p-011p Beaujolais-Boy (C), J. Cobden, 8-11-6 .... B. Jones 5
3 -4-04000 Merrie Lord, Miss S. Morris, 7-11-3 .... P. Keane 7
5 0b4010 Modigliani (D), F. Cundell, 6-11-2 .... B. Davies
6 32p00f Indian Red, M. Marsh, 10-11-1 .... M. Gifford
8 104000 Croftamie, G. Balding, 9-10-12 .... J. Fox
9 100044 Dragon Hill, R. Armytage, 9-10-12 .... J. Glover
10 f0f010- Fortcum, J. Keen, 8-10-11 .... Mr J. Keen 7
12 Chapelier, T. Forster, 8-10-11 .... G. Thorner
14 330000 Prince George (D), I. Kennard, 8-10-10 .... A. Andrews
15 00000 Tri Star, P. Bailey, 6-10-10 .... J. King
16 00000 Star Beauty, N. Wakley, 7-10-10 .... N. Wakley
17 f0p010 Roman Tiffin (CD), P. Kearney, 8-10-9 .... R. Mangan
18 000142 Brown Fox, D. Nugent, 8-10-8 .... J. Guest
20 31-4000 Super Alloy, G. Kindersley, 8-10-6 .... H. Barry 7
22 0000-10 Evagoras, E. Beeson, 8-10-5 .... J. Jenkins
23 400024 Cheapside, D. Kent, 9-10-0 .... P. Haynes 5
25 400400 Quicksilver (D), K. Pipe, 6-10-0 .... J. Pearce
27 -00p000 Schooner, D. Barons, 6-10-0 .... S. May
28 0-a0004 Dernhills, D. Gandolfo, 7-10-0 .... G. Shoemark
29 4-020p0 Bayiree, D. Barons, 9-10-0 .... M. Barrett 7
30 p0s000 Coastal Command, K. Kleinwort, 11-10-0 .... M. Stanley 5
32 000-000 Canworthy Code (D), M. Scudamore, 11-10-0 .... J. Williams
34 0004-0p St Patrick's Blue (CD), K. Ivory, 10-10-0 .... Mr B. Baker 7
5-2 Roman Tiffin, 7-2 Beaujolais-Boy, 11-2 Dragon Hill, 8-1 Modigliani, 10-1 Croftamie, Indian Red, 12-1 Star Beauty, 14-1 Schooner, 20-1 others.

4.15 YARCOMBE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I : £272 : 2m 3f)
1 000010 Leisure Bay, I. Wardle, 4-11-8 .... M. Salaman
2 1 Rio, J. Cobden, 4-11-8 .... B. Jones 5
3 Court Shade, D. Greig, 5-11-5 .... R. Ryett
4 French Rebel, J. Musson, 5-11-5 .... Mr W. Musson 7
5 4 Gold Stick, R. Keenor, 5-11-5 .... J. Williams
6 2p-pp Langdon Back, E. McNally, 5-11-5 .... G. McNally
7 0 Lone Majesty, D. Barons, 5-11-5 .... S. May
8 Martamber, M. Prescott, 5-11-5 .... N. Kernick
11 p044 Scotch Salmon, G. Kindersley, 5-11-5 .... C. Candy
12 00 St Barnabas, Mrs A. Finch, 5-11-5 .... R. Owen 7
13 0-0040p Ten Past, W. Sleeman, 5-11-5 .... T. Hallett 7
14 p Bantry Bay, Mrs A. McKinlay, 4-10-12 .... S. Lee 7
15 Billy Bonds, M. Scudamore, 4-10-12 .... J. King
18 Called Away, C. Bentinck, 4-10-12 .... A. Branford
20 30 Catamac, F. Cundell, 4-10-12 .... B. Davies
22 Go Baby Go, S. Mellor, 4-10-12 .... J. Glover
25 40 Kerry, E. Birchall, 4-10-12 .... B. Smith 7
26 00 Lets Pretend, K. Kleinwort, 4-10-12 .... N. Stanley 5
28 p Hermoney, T. Forster, 4-10-12 .... G. Thorner
7-4 Rio, 7-2 Leisure Bay, 5-1 Martamber, 6-1 Catamac, 8-1 Go Baby Go, 13-1 Scotch Salmon, 16-1 Gold Stick, 20-1 others.

4.45 YARCOMBE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II : £272 : 2m 3f)
1 00001 Catherine Star, Mrs A. Finch, 4-11-8 .... R. Owen 7
2 024310 Great Freda, J. Bradley, 4-11-8 .... M. Williams
3 00012 Uncle Leslie, D. Morley, 4-11-8 .... B. Davies
4 0u Bold King, Mrs E. Gaze, 5-11-5 .... R. Hyett
5 0-p Faleida, D. Browning, 5-11-5 .... M. Stanley 5
6 03 New Formula, G. Burr, 5-11-5 .... J. King
8 p0 Proceed, D. Barons, 5-11-5 .... Mr K. Bishop 7
9 00 Spartan Rose, K. Bishop, 5-11-5 .... K. Maguire
10 0000 Air Power, J. Bosley, 4-10-12 .... C. Candy
11 00 Alector, C. Kindersley, 4-10-12 .... J. Davies 7
12 0p00 Caissa Ira, J. Hayward, 4-10-12 .... N. Wakley
14 Golden Metropolis, N. Wakley, 4-10-12
16 p In Harmony, Miss P. Neal, 4-10-12 .... S. May
17 00 Mr Chairman, D. Barons, 4-10-12 .... P. Barton 5
18 040 Petite Culotte, D. Gandolfo, 4-10-12 .... R. Atkins
21 Ramble Rose, S. Matthews, 4-10-12 .... N. Kernick
23 0200 Sweet and Saucy, S. Kernick, 4-10-12
9-4 Uncle Leslie, 100-30 Catherine Star, 5-1 Great Freda, 13-2 Sweet and Saucy, 8-1 New Formula, 12-1 Bold King, Petite Culotte, 20-1 others.

5.15 YARCOMBE NOVICES' HURDLE (Div III : £272 : 2m 3f)
1 rp-p Anthippos, J. Evans, 5-11-5 .... J. Spouse 5
3 00 Her Nibs, Mrs E. Kennard, 5-11-5 .... B. Forsey
4 0 Jan Slewer, D. Kent, 5-11-5 .... P. Haynes 5
5 Natsun, E. McNally, 5-11-5 .... G. McNally
7 Rathiek, D. Craig, 5-11-5 .... A. Branford
8 0 Ringchat, T. Forster, 5-11-5 .... G. Thorner
9 30 Young King, J. Cobden, 5-11-5 .... B. Jones 5
11 00 Card School, N. Wakley, 4-10-12 .... A. Wakley
13 Commandetto, S. Matthews, 4-10-12 .... J. King
14 p Farriers Fancy, Mrs L. Dingwall, 4-10-12 .... M. Stanley 5
15 0003 Just For Sure, G. Kindersley, 4-10-12 .... C. Candy
18 303r0 Pintags, A. Davison, 4-10-12 .... R. Atkins
19 p00 Streakland, D. Barons, 4-10-12 .... M. Barrett 7
21 00043 What A Palaver, D. Barons, 4-10-12 .... S. May
2-1 What a Palaver, 3-1 Ringchat, 4-1 Just for Sure, 7-1 Pintags, 10-1 Her Nibs, 12-1 Card School, 20-1 others.

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2.0 BOWLERS HURDLE (Div I : Novices : £306 : 2m 4f)
1 100320 Devon Mignon, R. Bethell, 5-11-12 .... Mr M. Lowry 7
3 b230-10 Gala King, J. Turner, 5-11-12 .... Mr D. Turner 5
7 411 Glamoray (D), H. Westbrook, 4-11-10 .... I. Watkinson
8 131300 Tiepin, T. Cundell, 4-11-10 .... L. Griffiths 5
9 000004 Baladino, A. Arnold, 5-11-5 .... C. Astbury
12 230033 Current Magic, M. Tate, 5-11-5 .... M. Blackshaw
15 00-4040 Imperial Peter, J. Scot, 5-11-5 .... Mr S. Parkyn 7
16 00 Mostrim, T. Forster, 5-11-5 .... K. B. White
17 00000p Panmure, D. Underwood, 5-11-5 .... G. Old
21 Virgin Lady, C. Saunders, 5-11-5 .... Mr I. Saunders
26 00000 Aglonby Street, A. Birch, 4-10-10 .... M. Wagner
27 Alexander Donnelly, C. Miller, 4-10-10 .... D. Cartwright
29 0000 Behrula, Mrs Oughton, 4-10-10 .... C. Read
30 022040 Belaye, D. Ringer, 4-10-10 .... P. Bloomfield 5
31 0 Boliska, M. Tate, 4-10-10 .... H. J. Evans 5
32 000440 Cape Thriller, T. H. Smith, 4-10-10 .... Mr A. Harris 7
34 400040 Feud, J. Gibson, 4-10-10 .... M. Gibson
35 00030 Hilton York, F. Rimell, 4-10-10 .... J. Burke
37 f0 Lady Cynshay, J. Hardy, 4-10-10 .... S. Holland
41 203024 Saints Day, A. W. Jones, 4-10-10
42 0 Spiffling, H. Gittins, 4-10-10 .... R. Dickin 5
45 p0 Traveller in Time, G. Bach, 4-10-10 .... G. McNally
100-30 Tiepin, 4-1 Glamoray, 5-1 Devon Mignon, 6-1 Baladino, 8-1 Gala King, Current Magic, 10-1 Hilton York, 12-1 Mostrim, 16-1 others.

2.30 YOUNG HOPEFULS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £374 : 2m)
3 040011 Mister Hapsburg (D), B. Wise, 10-11-10 .... C. Bowan 5
4 2-22223 Cape Clarendon (D), F. Cundell, 7-11-9 .... L. Griffiths
7 34-2340 Shoo (D), F. Walwyn, 8-11-4 .... K. Stone
10 11-401 Intra (D), G. Bach, 9-10-12 .... J. Barlow 5
11 p01120 Legendry Red, D. Gandolfo, 11-10-9 .... S. C. Knight
12 311130 Arne Folly, E. Champneys, 13-10-9 .... D. Speck
13 uu-1233 Percy Crummles, Mrs Oughton, 12-10-8 .... N. Holman 5
16 000000 Buckshot, C. Miller, 10-10-7 .... I. Mancini 5
18 p03020 Flying Imp, J. Spearing, 9-10-7 .... D. Smith 5
20 4p0440 The Decca, W. Mann, 11-10-7 .... R. Mann 5
21 f04003 Super Phoenix (D), G. Bach, 9-10-7 .... R. O'Donovan 5
22 003f0f Picton, E. Jones, 7-10-7 .... C. Young 5
23 u30404 Burrator (D), A. Jarvis, 6-10-7 .... C. Brown 5
24 0000-04 Inycarra, C. Fryer, 8-10-7 .... C. Hurray 5
25 pp0 Straight Fair, H. Willis, 6-10-7 .... M. James 5
26 Kabuki, O. O'Neill, 13-10-7 .... H. J. Evans
27 ppp0 Mick's Worry, M. Tate, 9-10-7 .... S. C. Davis 5
28 p0000f Moonlight Gambler, W. Taylor, 6-10-7 .... P. Duggins 5
29 0-00f0f Dads Army, J. Colston, 6-10-7 .... A. K. Taylor 5
31 pp0-ppp Wanto, W. D. Francis, 7-10-7
3-1 Mister Hapsburg, 4-1 Shoo, 9-2 Cape Clarendon, 6-1 Percy Crummles, 8-1 Legendry Red, 10-1 Kabuki, 12-1 Super Phoenix, 16-1 others.

3.0 WORCESTERSHIRE CCC STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £680 : 3m)
1 2011u3 Notification (D), M. Tate, 10-11-5 .... H. J. Evans 5
2 1214p3 Highland Explorer (D), D. Nicholson, 10-11-2 .... J. Suthern
3 1132p1 The Leap (CD), R. Armytage, 10-10-9 .... K. B. White
5 2210p1 Moon Trip (D), A. Connell, 7-10-8 .... V. Soane
6 032000 Manicou Bay (D), J. Gifford, 9-10-4 .... R. Champion
8 b00012 Proper Charlie (CD), C. Miller, 10-10-3 .... D. Cartwright
9 0f-2010 Prince Tino (D), R. Armytage, 16-10-0 .... P. Kelleway
11 0014pf Black Friar (C), E. Jones, 7-10-0 .... R. O'Donovan 7
18 204314 Mirvin (C), D. Barons, 9-10-0 .... C. B. Jones 7
19 p0f003 Goldfinger, D. Nugent, 9-10-0 .... D. Sutherland
21 222244 Bright Spartan, G. Yardley, 7-10-0
22 p-pp0 Hubiot, D. Gandolfo, 11-10-0 .... A. Turnell
25 00f1p0 Mark Cross (D), M. Scudamore, 10-10-0 .... Mr P. Hobbs 7
26 p23432 Vulkie, D. Scott, 12-10-0 .... D. T. Evans 3
27 03p04 Bright Fergus, Miss D. Gudding, 6-10-0
5-2 Notification, 7-2 The Leap, 9-2 Manicou Bay, 6-1 Highland Explorer, 8-1 Mirvin, 10-1 Vulkie, 12-1 Moon Trip, 16-1 others.

3.30 BATSMAN'S HURDLE (Handicap : £484 : 2m)
1 1p4000 Persian Majesty (D), S. Matthews, 8-11-12 .... P. Kelleway
2 401000 Hot Swell (D), S. Matthews, 8-11-8 .... I. Gebble 7
3 03-p003 Cofimvaba, A. Jarvis, 5-11-7 .... P. Blacker
5 0-04023 Neon Star (D), R. Turnell, 6-11-3 .... S. C. Knight 5
6 2010p0 Yellow Lark (D), Mrs Oughton, 7-11-2 .... C. Read
8 042001 The Norseman (D), W. Jenks, 7-11-1 .... Mr W. Jenks 5
9 0340p2 Romanus (D), F. Rimell, 6-11-1 .... K. B. White
10 b1-0p00 Prosper (D), J. Gilbert, 7-11-0 .... C. Dexter 7
11 02p000 Spy Net (D), D. Dale, 8-11-0 .... R. G. Hughes
12 p30022 Redbin (D), Rex Carter, 6-10-10 .... D. Briscoe
14 312012 Assembly Point (CD), W. Wharton, 4-10-9 .... R. Champion
15 440000 Glitter Song, D. Underwood, 6-10-8 .... G. Old
16 03020 Cloud Park (D), M. Tate, 6-10-8 .... M. Blackshaw
17 30-0000 Old Smokey (D), M. Bolton, 6-10-7 .... D. Mould
18 312441 Veilka, J. Bradley, 4-10-5 .... M. Williams 7
19 01000-4 Fredon (D), F. Winter, 6-10-3 .... V. Soane
20 200004 Space Boy (D), H. Gittins, 6-10-2 .... R. Dickin 5
22 123000 Resent, M. Tate, 5-10-0 .... J. Evans 5
23 002020 Cape Farm, T. H. Smith, 6-10-0 .... Mr A. Harris 7
25 012120 Henry Bruce (D), J. Holt, 5-10-0 .... N. Bampton 7
28 030402- *Winged Dagger, J. Old, 6-10-0 .... C. Candy
29 0000p Santellis (CD), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-0 .... J. Suthern
30 1-p30 Village Thief, R. Head, 5-10-0 .... M. C. Gifford
4-1 Assembly Point, 5-1 The Norseman, 6-1 Fredon, Romanus, 8-1 Neon Star, 10-1 Redbin, 12-1 Veilka, Persian Majesty, 16-1 others.

4.0 THREE COUNTIES STEEPLECHASE (Hunters : £340 : 3m)
1 2100 Air General, M. Thorne, 6-12-0 .... Mr C. King 5
2 R-3003 Astrojet, R. C. Price, 12-12-0 .... Mr A. Lloyd 7
3 220313 Creme Brule (CD), J. Townsend, 11-12-0 Mr A. Holland-Martin 5
4 p03-3f0 Gay Bachelor, P. Mann, 11-12-0 .... Mr P. Mann 7
5 Mighty Clear, Mrs D. Nixon, 8-12-0 .... Mr N. Bush 7
6 2424f1 Ryall's Pilgrim, Miss E. Hill, 8-12-0 .... Mr G. Jones 5
8 0421p0 Wily Willie, W. Taylor, 7-12-0
7-4 Creme Brule, 3-1 Ryall's Pilgrim, 4-1 Astrojet, 6-1 Wily Willie, 8-1 Mighty Clear, 12-1 Air General, 16-1 Gay Bachelor.

4.30 BOWLERS HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £306 : 2m 4f)
1 00-0412 Early Spring, R. Turnell, 5-11-12 .... A. Turnell
5 000000 Campden, C. Miller, 5-11-5 .... D. Cartwright
6 000 Floating Exchange, F. Rimell, 5-11-5 .... J. Burke
8 04000p John Boy, J. Brennan, 5-11-5 .... Mr A. James 7
9 00-p Onvolar, R. Hagley, 5-11-5 .... J. Haine
10 Regal Choice, J. Haine, 5-11-5 .... P. Blacker
11 1200 Beau Slaney, A. Jarvis, 4-11-3 .... W. Smith
12 420403 Colman, F. Walwyn, 4-11-3 .... Mr C. King 5
16 033000 Polly Rocket, M. Thorne, 4-11-3 .... V. Soane
17 00010 Terryash, D. Barons, 4-11-3 .... P. Russell
18 j0007 True Vote, E. Morgan, 4-10-10 .... H. J. Evans 5
21 p04f00 Bonnie Lorraine, M. Tate, 4-10-10 .... D. Mould
22 0 Briggs, I. Pattullo, 4-10-10 .... D. Sunderland
24 p0 Charlip, K. Bailey, 4-10-10 .... D. Briscoe
26 p Companion, Rex Carter, 4-10-10
28 Fortria, J. Edwards, 4-10-10 .... Mr S. Moorshead 7
29 400000 Golden End, W. Charles, 4-10-10 .... J. Suthern
30 222 Greenwood County, D. Nicholson, 4-10-10 .... M. Blackshaw
31 u0004 Heighway, M. Tate, 4-10-10 .... M. Wagner
34 0030 Maidensgrove, A. Birch, 4-10-10 .... G. McNally
35 Outmaster, P. Bailey, 4-10-10 .... K. B. White
36 03 Reproduction, F. Rimell, 4-10-10 .... Mr J. de Mestre 7
37 0f Ross du Vin, H. Willis, 4-10-10 .... P. Warner
40 0 Valrory's Kid, M. McCourt, 4-10-10 .... T. Watkinson
41 020320 Wrongly Down, A. Rumsey, 4-10-10
100-30 Early Spring, 4-1 Greenwood County, 5-1 Reproduction, 6-1 Colman, 8-1 True Vote, Terryash, 10-1 Wrongly Down, 12-1 Beau Slaney, 16-1 others.
*Doubtful runner

Taunton selections

2.15 Stanhope Street. 2.45 Golden Fighter. 3.15 Bybrook. 3.45 Cheapside. 4.15 Catamac. 4.45 New Formula. 5.15 What a Palaver.

Worcester selections

2.0 Current Magic. 2.30 Shoo. 3.0 Manicou Bay. 3.30 Assembly Point. 4.0 Ryall's Pilgrim. 4.30 Reproduction.

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2.15 BREADALBANE HURDLE (Div I : Novices : £272 : 2m)
1 00121 Puritan (D), A. Bacon, 5-12-3 .... G. Shaw
2 -2-1f44 *Basil Thyme (D), K. Oliver, 7-11-10 .... C. Tinkler
3 000341 Gold Escort, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-10 .... Mr P. Greenall 5
4 30-2310 Yachtsman (D), J. Edwards, 5-11-10 .... —
5 f000 Bar Hazard, G. Richards, 5-11-3 .... D. Goulding
6 000013 Bright Baby, A. Kemp, 5-11-3 .... V. Percival 5
7 Craignurphy, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-3 .... T. Stack
8 2-03000 Sterake, R. Titterington, 7-11-3 .... D. Todhunter 7
9 0f00 Fair Rose, R. Sandys-Clarke, 7-11-3 .... Mr R. Sandys-Clarke 7
10 033b03 Hello Louie, W. Page, 5-11-3 .... I. C. Turnbull 7
12 Lord Charlie, W. Crawford, 5-11-3 .... Mr R. Lamb
13 000f Lothian Lady, W. Crawford, 8-11-3 .... —
15 0200 Polished Steel, Lord Kilmany, 5-11-3 .... P. Ennis
17 0040-00 San Cathay, J. Barclay, 5-11-3 .... Mr H. Barclay 5
18 02-p000 Sovereign Seal, G. Coatsworth, 6-11-3 .... Mr G. Coatsworth 7
19 000022 Vignette, T. Barnes, 5-11-3 .... M. Barnes
20 22200 Woringo, C. Bell, 6-11-3 .... J. McDougal 5
9-4 Puritan, 11-4 Gold Escort, 9-2 Vignette, 6-1 Yachtsman, 8-1 Bar Hazard, 10-1 Woringo, 16-1 others.

2.45 BALNAKEILLY STEEPLECHASE (Hunters : £272 : 3m)
1 034-11p Tetravona (D), T. Dun, 8-12-8 .... Mr G. MacMillan
2 11-21 Abercrombie, W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-5 .... Mr C. Collins
3 3000-13 Glenmorangie (D), P. Thyne, 7-12-5 .... Mr A. Mactaggart
4 p12400 Triple Pledge, V. Thompson, 7-12-5 .... Mr K. Gray 5
5 2-02f32 Bold Lurcio, J. Wight, 7-12-0 .... Mr R. Lamb
6 20- Collessie, H. Black, 7-12-0 .... Mr J. Walton
7 0f Fallford Boy, D. Robertson, 8-12-0 .... Mr D. Robertson 7
8 Gypsy Light, A. Brisk, 7-12-0 .... —
10 The Rebel II, Mrs D. Thomson, 11-12-0 .... Mr R. Black
11 0-0 Serpents Tail, Mrs H-Bradburne, 8-12-0 .... Mr J. Bradburne
12 443-034 Skygazer, G. Cunard, 12-12-0 .... Mr H. Barclay 5
11-4 Bold Lurcio, 7-2 Tetravona, 9-2 Abercrombie, 11-2 Glenmorangie, 7-1 Triple Pledge, 8-1 Skygazer, 12-1 Collessie, 20-1 others.

3.15 CHARLES CAMPBELL HURDLE (Handicap : £340 : 2m)
2 11-114p Coome Pride (D), A. Bacon, 5-12-7 .... G. Shaw 7
3 4ff140 Loon (CD), F. Winter, 6-12-5 .... R. Pitman
6 224021 Cobblers March (D), T. Craig, 8-11-13 .... J. Mooney 7
7 313030 Any Second (D), W. Murray, 6-11-12 .... P. Mangan
8 203002 Wylam Boy (D), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-10 .... T. Slack
9 300000 Murry Back (D), J. Hubbuck, 9-11-8 .... —
13 002400 Hillrol (D), G. Richards, 5-11-3 .... D. Goulding
15 111-00p Fine Judge (D), B. Richmond, 5-11-1 .... M. O'Shea 7
16 00-0000 Da 'n Sky (CD), Mrs S. Chesmore, 8-10-0 .... P. Brogan
17 -p000- Lights of London, R. Sandys-Clarke, 10-10-0 Mr R. Sandys-Clarke 7
2-1 Cobblers March, 3-1 Loon, 5-1 Coome Pride, 13-2 Wylam Boy, 8-1 Hillrol, 10-1 Any Second, 12-1 Fine Judge, 20-1 others.

3.45 EASTWOOD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £401 : 2m)
1 210021 London Express (CD), C. Bell, 7-12-10 .... M. Barnes
2 -p0204 Credibility (C), F. Winter, 7-11-11 .... R. Pitman
3 1214- *Chandigar (CD), K. Oliver, 11-11-10 .... Mr S. Oliver 3
5 213023 Remiglo, F. Winter, 7-11-1 .... J. Francome
6 114204 Wyse Hill (D), Denys Smith, 8-11-0 .... A. Dickman
7 033102 Celtic Gold (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 13-10-13 .... T. Stack
8 44112-0 Que Rouhe (D), W. A. Naughton, 8-10-4 .... C. Tinkler
10 2-21120 Indian Trout, V. Thompson, 11-10-0 .... Mr K. Gray 5
6-4 London Express, 5-1 Credibility, 9-2 Remiglo, Celtic Gold, 8-1 Indian Trout, 12-1 others.

4.15 CRIEFF STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £340 : 2½m)
1 1ff1f0 King's Savings, J. Berry, 6-12-4 .... Mr K. Gray 5
3 0-12012 What Next, F. Winter, 6-12-4 .... J. Francome
4 010202 More Wayward, W. Crawford, 6-11-8 .... Mr R. Lamb
5 2p0000 Raymonds Baby, W. Page, 7-11-8 .... P. Ennis
6 p34442 Soutra, B. Wilkinson, 7-11-5 .... D. Atkins
7 11-0110 *Filament, K. Oliver, 5-11-5 .... C. Tinkler
9 p *Dusty Donnelly, K. Oliver, 7-11-3 .... G. Holmes
11 000114 Maybap, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-3 .... G. Faulkner 7
12 f01- Village Oates, W. Tullie, 10-11-3 .... P. Mangan
13 100042 Cumbria, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-0 .... T. Stack
15 4pf232 Balek, J. Edwards, 5-10-9 .... Mr J. Bradburne 7
16 010400 Kitta, Mrs H-Bradburne, 5-10-9
7-4 What Next, 4-1 Soutra, 11-2 King's Savings, 6-1 Cumbria, 8-1 More Wayward, 10-1 Balek, 16-1 others.

4.45 BREADALBANE HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £272 : 2m)
1 ud1100 Brigant (D), T. Fairhurst, 5-12-3 .... C. Fairhurst 7
3 233301 Inshalla (D), G. Richards, 7-12-3 .... D. Goulding
4 032400 Johnnie Black (D), B. Wilkinson, 6-11-10 .... D. Atkins
5 314004 Lido Light (D), C. Lamb, 5-11-10 .... Mr R. Lamb
6 040600 Pirate Gold (D), P. Cook, 6-11-10 .... P. James
7 0033 Banacheck II, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-3 .... T. Stack
8 040000 Butch Cassidy, R. Titterington, 6-11-3 .... D. Todhunter 7
9 0-000 Carnlough, J. Barclay, 6-11-3 .... Mr H. Barclay 5
10 030032 Coparu, T. Barnes, 5-11-3 .... M. Barnes
11 00 Golden Village, G. Richards, 5-11-3 .... B. Donaghie 7
16 02p30 High Prospect, J. Edwards, 5-11-3 .... —
17 f43000 Reekie Linn, C. Crossley, 5-11-3 .... R. Crank
22 040040 Sovereign Gold, A. Kemp .... V. Percival 3
5-2 Inshalla, 100-30 Coparu, 9-2 Brigant, 6-1 High Prospect, 8-1 Banacheck II, 10-1 Lido Light, 12-1 Johnnie Black, 20-1 others.

Perth selections

2.15 Woringo. 2.45 Skygazer. 3.15 Wylam Boy. 3.45 Credibility. 4.15 What Next. 4.45 Inshalla.

Redcar selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Mayswing. 2.30 Pennina. 3.0 The Happy Hooker. 3.30 Kung Fu. 4.0 Warbeck. 4.30 Cheeky.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.30 Kung Fu. 4.0 Warbeck. 4.30 Cheeky.

Epsom results

2.0 (2.4) BANSTEAD STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £577: 5f)
Hey Presto, b f, by Mummy's Pet—Magic Maiden (H. Joel), 8-11 .... L. Piggott (5-6 fav) 1
Halling, b f, by Inclination—Emulate (R. Lingham), 8-11 F. Durr (20-1) 2
Levant Melody, br f, by Levanter—Signal Melody (H. Vickery), 8-11 .... A. Murray (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Bay Trees Girl (4th), 8-1 Amanda Blues, Dreaming, 16-1 Miss Starch, 20-1 Blackfoot Girl, Wily Kim. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 17p; places 13p, 40p, 18p; dual forecast, £2.07. S. Ingham, at Epsom. 3l, 2l. 1min 1.01sec.

2.35 (2.37) WARREN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,616: 1¼m)
Invergayle, ch c, by Lord Gayle—Invermore (J. Allbritton), 8-8 .... A. Kimberley (25-1) 1
Charlotson, b c, by Charlottown—Tiara II (R. Richmond Watson), 8-12 .. P. Waldron (5-1) 2
Albrighton, b c, by Alcide—Peep of Dawn (Sir R. Macdonald Buchanan), 8-12 L. Piggott (10-11) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Spring Barley (4th), 8-1 Don Fortune, 11-1 Silent Town, T V Sunday, 14-1 Peter the Great, 25-1 Great Lad, Orcles. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.97; places, 65p, 18p, 12p; dual forecast, £8.85. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. Hd, ½l. 2min 54.68sec.

3.10 (3.17) CITY AND SURBURBAN HANDICAP (£5,783: 1¼m)
Swell Fellow, b c, by Giolla Mear—Nonnie (Ld J. Crichton Stuart), 4-9-0 A. Kimberley (15-2) 1
Mon Legionnaire, ch c, by St Chad—Much Love (Mrs A. Bernheim), 4-8-0 .. P. Cook (33-1) 2
Kew Gardens, b c, by Quadrangle (US)—Polyanthus (P. Mellon), 4-8-13 L. Piggott (100-30 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Fanatico, 9-1 Sin Y Sin, 11-1 The Dunce, 13-1 William Pitt, 14-1 Belper, Gloss, Petocracy, 16-1 Jumpabout, Kafka, 20-1 Bright Fire, 33-1 Doleswood, Montreal Boy (4th), Antonius, Indian Mark, Prince Gourmet. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, 96p; places, 27p, 61p, 16p, £1.12. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. Nk, 6l. 2min 16.69sec.

3.40 (3.46) HYDE PARK STAKES (2-y-o: £578: 5f)
Chief Constable, b c, by Tribal Chief—The Cornfield (L. Clark), 8-11 .... P. Cook (11-4 fav) 1
Mister Jim, bl c, by Laser Light—Samia (J. Fallon), 8-11 F. Durr (5-1) 2
Black District, br c, by Forlorn River—Street Vendor (N. Callaghan), 8-11 .... W. Hood (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Golden Bird, 6-1 Mandate (4th), 12-1 Tallon, 16-1 Red Rogue, Another Pal. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 16p, 12p, 17p; dual forecast, 69p. B. Swift, at Epsom. 2l, 2l. 1min 00.62sec. Sanpaul did not run.

4.15 (4.16) APRIL HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £1,153: 1m 110yd)
Royal Sensation, b f, by Prince Regent FR—Netting (Mrs C. Bingham), 9-0 P. Eddery (5-2) 1
Dancing Princess, b f, by Prince Regent FR—Ever Swinging (Sir D. Clague), 8-7 G. Lewis (16-1) 2
Be Faithful, b f, by Val de Loir—Courting (P. Pritchard), 7-6 .... J. Gray (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Smart Shirley (4th), 4-1 Howells, 8-1 Spirit Lake. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 28p, 61p; forecast, £2.56. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 7l, 2½l. 1min 54.92sec.

4.45 (4.48) GREAT SURREY HANDICAP (£1,180: 6f)
Merry Cricketer, ch h, by Double U Jay—Rose Bloom (Mr T. Kelly), 5-8-8 G. Lewis (11-1) 1
Tolspring, b h, by Kings Lean—Angelique (S. Jackson), 5-9-1 P. Eddery (6-4 fav) 2
Pericet, b h, by Alan—Pinochle (Mrs G. Westley), 6-9-2 W. Carson (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Fair Tactics, 10-1 Blastavon, Verily Sam, 13-1 Major Bee, Power and the Glory, 14-1 Import, 16-1 Ritruda (4th). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 20p, 16p, 45p; dual forecast, £1.00. A. J. Pitt, at Epsom. 2½l, 3l. 1min 14.49sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Swell Fellow, Royal Sensation, £31.65. TREBLE: Invergayle, Chief Constable, Merry Cricketer, £296.60. JACKPOT: Not won, no consolation dividend. Guaranteed pool of £5,000 carried over to today.

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2.00 (2.3) FAIRFIELD HANDICAP (£371: 6f)
Witches Broom, b c, by Divine Gift—Lupreno (J. Hardy), 5-8-7 C. Moss (9-4 fav) 1
Gala Galore, ch f, by Gala Performance—Gold Galore (Mrs K. Cornforth), 5-7-9 K. Lewis (6-1) 2
Slingwrap, ch f, by Varano—Veno (Mrs J. Gold), 5-7-5 S. Eccles (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Hellsapoppin, 9-1 Safari Sovereign, 12-1 Nashville Lady (4th), Learned Friend, 13-1 Cross Buy, Mr Manacle, 20-1 Honey Bright, Military Road, Ridgeway, Just A Touch, Spy Lord, Tack Hule, Havaglass. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 14p, 18p, 81p, 74p. J. Hardy, at Staunton. 2½l, 5l.

2.30 (2.32) BUSHBY PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f)
Urray Harry, bc, by Decoy Boy—Star-Call (D. Coppenhall), 7-8 K. Lewis (9-4) 1
Daves Equal, br c, by Murrayfield—Equal Rights (K. Chapman), 7-13 bl .... C. Dwyer (14-1) 2
Windy Sail, b g, by Typhoon—Sailing Dart (Mrs E. Gibson), 8-2 .... A. Horrocks (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 Singapore Fling, 10-1 Arthur Askey, 14-1 French Tyrant (4th), Bewerley, 25-1 Spring Willow, Cheeny Boy, Town Tipp, Worthy Star. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 16p, 51p, 50p. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. 6l, 1½l.

3.0 (3.2) SEASIDE HANDICAP (£461: 1¼m 160 yds)
Broughty Harbour, ch g, by Typhoon—Queen Mab (H. Lawson), 4-8-13 .. E. Apter (5-1) 1
Outpoint, br g, by Fighting Charlie—Prim Dot (J. Westoll), 5-9-10 .... G. Sexton (10-1) 2
My Ribero, ch c, by Ribero—Dynabella (C. Hague), 4-7-13 S. Salmon (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Happy Jet (4th), 100-30 Sant Angelo, 7-1 Mr McMandy, 10-1 Baker Brown. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 22p, 84p; dual forecast, £5.05. S. Hall, at Middleham. 2l, 8l.

3.30 (3.32) TANTON PLATE (3-y-o: £690: 5f)
Woodsome, br f, by Runnymede—Eastwood Nounty (S. Howarth), 8-8 .... B. Raymond (6-1) 1
Dunmurry Boy, br c, by Tudor Music—Wilhelmina (J. Breslin), 8-8 .... J. Seagrave (3-1) 2
Delayed Action, b f, by Jolly Jet—Oversight (A. Jackson), 8-8 B. Connorton (10-11) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Crook Of Devon (4th), 33-1 Pot Hunter. 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 85p; forecast, £3.67. T. Fairhurst, at Middleham. ½l, 8l.

4.0 (4.2) SPRING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £795: 1¼m)
Fiery Copper, ch c, by Lord Gayle (US)—Sovereign Comment (A. Bray), 9-1 .... T. Ives (7-2) 1
Shaba, br c, by Shantung—Miba (Sir P. Oppenheimer), 8-13 B. Raymond (3-1) 2
Hollow Laughter, b f, by Wolver Hollow—Recital (R. Sangster), 8-10 .... E. Eldin (5-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Flirier. 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; forecast, £1.56. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. Nk, hd.

4.30 (4.34) SPRINGTIME PLATE (£414: 1m)
Gallant Bid, b f, by Gallivanter—Winning Bid (W. Elsey), 5-8-1 C. Hide (Evens fav) 1
Open Doors, ch c, by Quisling—Open Display (J. Sanderson), 3-8-4 .... E. Eldin (50-1) 2
Walk Around, ch g, by Farm Walk—Legar Bar (Mrs J. Aspell), 3-8-1 .... O. Gray (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-4 Dark Alfred, 20-1 Obligatory, 50-1 Pampered Sovereign (4th), 100-1 Chadforth. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 11p, 21p, 22p; dual forecast, £5.11. W. Elsey, at Malton. 4l, 2l. Belle Of Moreland was withdrawn without coming under orders. Rule 4 does not apply.
TOTE DOUBLE: Broughty Harbour, Fiery Copper, £7.90. TREBLE: Urray Harry, Woodsome, Gallant Bid, £17.20.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Derby, Epsom: Fastacre, Our Prince (at 9 am, April 22). Oaks, Epsom: Princess Ragusa, Mistress Clare, Marching Orders, Trusted Maiden, Coles Lane (at 9 am, April 22). Eclipse Stakes, Sandown: Our Prince, Thornton Green, Spring Cup Handicap, York: Habitation, Yellow Pages Handicap, Ayr: Swanee River, Derby Trial Stakes, Lingfield: Common Land, Our Prince. All engagements (dead): Highland Abbe.

3.30 (3.30) CARONI RUM STEEPLECHASE (£716: 3½m)
Ptarmigan III, gr g, by Perhapsburg—Little Heron (F. Gilman), 9-12-7 Mr C. Saunders (100-30 jt fav) 1
Ebony Bloom, b m, by Ebornezer—Labon Bloom (G. Tarry), 11-11-2 .. Mr G. Tarry (10-1) 2
Headsprite, ch g, by Bowsprit—Headwave (E. Roberts), 8-11-9 Mr C. King (100-30 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Wild Echo, 11-2 Fortina's Palace, 10-1 Tarrannan, 14-1 Cauldron, Copper Venture (4th), 20-1 Mad Man, 33-1 Flickity Prince, Jimwyn, 50-1 Well Poached, Gay Sovereign, Pandion, Sunset Hour, Trippleton, Honey. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 21p, 39p, 25p. F. Gilman, at Uppingham. Nk, nk.

4.0 (4.2) RACE CLUB STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 2m)
I'm Smart, br m, by Meneick—Smart Answer (Lady Chesterton), 8-10-0 .... J. Glover (7-2 fav) 1
Be Nice, ch m, by Bowsprit—Bishopshill (Mrs M. Wates), 9-10-7 .. J. McNaught (14-1) 2
Black Andrew, b or br g, by Tarquogan—Queen of the Winds (Lady C. Spencer-Churchill), 7-10-13 .. A. Branford (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Zeta's Son, 11-2 Dorlesa (4th), 8-1 Brantridge Farmer, 10-1 Dream Isle, 14-1 Vikrom, 20-1 Saint Accord, 33-1 Plas Iolyn, Silver Night, Water Laughing. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 21p, 36p, 24p. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. Nk, 4l.

4.30 (4.30) PITCHCROFT HURDLE (Div II: £404: 2m)
Angel Aboard, ch h, by Angel's Head—P and O (J. Parkman), 5-11-0 .. James Guest (18-1) 1
Be Sharp, br g, by Orchadist—Joyful Colleen (F. Hill), 6-11-7 C. Read (5-4 fav) 2
Cromwell, gr g, by Royal Gunner—Midnight March (Miss S. Thomas), 6-11-2 G. Enright (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Wykeham, 11-2 Great Crack, 12-1 Equivocal (4th), Ogano, 14-1 Fair View, My Chum, Top Speed, 33-1 Braccialetto, Greendown, Lieneger, Alan's Bounty, Lord Horatio, Lyns Legend, Pink Flamingo, Purple Emperor, Weather Flash. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.25; places, 34p, 15p, 28p. H. Payne, at Wells. 2l, 7l. Le Petit Dauphin did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Carroll Street, I'm Smart, £7.80. TREBLE: Top Priority, Ptarmigan III, Angel Aboard, £70.55.

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2.0 (2.3) PITCHCROFT HURDLE (Div I: £404: 2m)
Mini Prince, b g, by Cadmus—Bay Princess (M. Hennessy), 6-11-7 W. Smith (11-8 fav) 1
Peggy W, b m, by Nuili Secundus—Ceremony (M. Low), 6-11-2 Mr G. Jones (5-1) 2
Dear Lady, b f, by Dear Gazelle—Little Lady (H. Smith), 5-11-7 Mr A. J. Wilson (50-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Conciliator, 10-1 Icebreaker, 11-1 Peppercorn, 20-1 Peace Pact, 25-1 Arnold, Bush Rose, Jimmy Lighter, John Wilkes, Rebel Band, Warm Welcome (4th), 50-1 County Clare, Fettimist, First Venture, Metcorite, Verona Bay, Walleyes, Wayward Winifred. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 18p, 17p, £1.99. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 4l, 4l.

2.30 (2.30) JOE CORAL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,331: 2½m)
Top Priority, ch g, by Khalkis—High Favour (Maj D. Wigan), 6-11-11 R. Champion (3-1 fav) 1
Space Project, b g, by Vertrieres—Futurama (R. Brown), 5-10-8 R. Hyett (9-2) 2
Shifting Gold, b g, by Bright as Gold—Short Shrift (Mrs B. Russell), 6-11-5 W. Smith (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Grando King, 12-1 Near and Far, 14-1 Grangewood Girl, 15-1 Some Hazard, Sonny Somers, Water Colour, 18-1 Young Steve, 20-1 Court Shadow, Eric, 33-1 Dairy Wood, Past Master (4th), Hazeleagn, Trail Blazer, Don Sebastian, Nelson Boy, Seating, Almani, Ascensure. 21 ran.
TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 17p, 18p, 30p, 50p. J. Gifford, at Findon. 3l, 1l.

3.0 (3.0) ROYAL PORCELAIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,038: 3m)
Carroll Street, b g, by Combat—Just So (B. McGrath), 8-10-7 Mr R. Linley (3-1 fav) 1
Ceol-Na-Mara, ch g, by Apollonius—Dorcenna (Mrs M. Seddon-Brown), 6-10-6 J. Glover (7-2) 2
Charlie Potheen, br g, by Spiritus—Irish Biddy (Mrs B. Heath), 10-12-0 .... W. Smith (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Even Up, 6-1 Moonlight Escapade, 10-1 Cass, 33-1 Bramwell Boy, Pava's Boy (4th), Sixer, Kingrullah. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 15p, 16p, 20p; dual forecast, 58p. G. Balding, at Weyhill. Nk, ½l.

Perth

2.15 (2.17) BLACK WATCH HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m)
Poly Boy, b h, by Midsummer Night II—Polyfoto (A. Le Blond), 8-12-0 .... R. Collins (8-1) 1
Des And Me, b h, by Florescence—Night Silvia (Mrs E. Dunn), 5-10-5 .. A. Dickman (9-2 fav) 2
Bright Baby, ch g, by Bright As Gold—Baby-May (A. Kemp), 5-9-12 .... V. Percival (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Symkyn (4th), Philhope, 7-1 Trim Lawns, 8-1 Sebastapol, 12-1 Peartree Boy, 16-1 I Like It, Markus, Racionzer, Anthony's Fancy. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 34p, 17p, 27p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 2½l, 5l. Johns Jewel did not run.

2.45 (2.46) STRATHEARN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £419: 2½m)
London Express, b g, by London Gazette—Tarquin's Express (W. McFarlane), 7-12-5 M. Barnes (9-4 fav) 1
Dancing Ned, ch g, by Meneick—Dancing Jane (J. Britton), 7-10-0 .... T. Stack (7-1) 2
Remiglo, br g, by Even Money—Scrupleosity (Mrs G. Paterson), 7-10-13 .. J. Francome (100-30) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Guivain (4th), 7-1 Scarba, 12-1 Off the Cuff, 16-1 Drumsill House, Collingwood. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; places, 13p, 23p, 15p; dual forecast, £1.40. C. Bell, at Hawick. 1l, ½l.

3.15 (3.16) ALMOND LODGE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,665: 3m)
Dunrobin, b g, by Arctic Slave—Georgina (Wg-Cmdr R. Stevenson), 8-10-8 Mr R. Lamb (12-1) 1
Bountiful Charles, b g, by Bounteous—Hillside Fairy (J. Tindall), 9-11-0 .... A. Moaney (7-1) 2
Tregarron, b g, by Never-Say-Die—Impudent (H. Blyth), 8-11-1 G. Tinkler (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Scout, 100-30 Tamalin, 6-1 Credibility (4th), 10-1 Mixed Double, 14-1 Sir Roger, Northern Echo, 20-1 Edenvale, Master Val. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.74; places, 48p, 18p, 26p. W. Crawford, at Haddington. ¾l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.46) PERTHSHIRE HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 3m)
Segrev, ch h, by Never Say Die—Kiskas (Mrs M. Price), 8-10-9 J. Francome (10-1) 1
Raise You Again, b g, by Raise You Ten—Okeechobee (Mrs R. Hunter), 7-11-11 R. Collins (10-1) 2
Old Stephen, br g, by Master Owen—Old Fashioned (J. Walby), 6-10-2 .... T. Stack (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Dutch Sam, 5-1 Merry Crown, 6-1 Loon, 10-1 Cantastar, Hooked Again, 13-1 Shirello, Seldon Daunted, Roystar (4th), 20-1 Lothian Countess, March of Time, Harbour Light, French Garcon, Lochinvar. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.45; places, 75p, 38p, 19p, 36p. M. Naughton, at Richmond. 5l, 2l.

4.15 (4.18) STORMONT STEEPLECHASE (£340: 2m)
Sir Garnet, b h, by Sir Ribot—Troyweight (J. McGhie), 6-11-7 D. Goulding (8-1) 1
What Next, b h, by Ambiorix—Gracious Me (Mr L. Dewhurst), 5-5 .. J. Francome (4-5 fav) 2
Caleb, b g, by probably Crown Again—Sable Valley (Mrs G. Fairbairn), 8-11-13 P. Broderick (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Son And Heir (4th), 8-1 Kininvie, 14-1 Headship, 16-1 Rough Diamond, 20-1 Octave, 25-1 Second Run, Ankerwyke, Aunt Bertha. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.23; places, 27p, 14p, 19p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 2l, 6l.

4.45 (4.49) ATHOLL HURDLE (4-y-o: £272: 2m)
Romany Star, b g, by Sky Gipsy—Hello Darling (F. Kent), 12-1 G. Shaw (10-1) 1
Admiral Wolf, b g, by Wolver Hollow—Isolde (R. Roberts), 10-13 .. Mr N. Tinkler (5-1) 2
Reikotime, br c, by Reiko—Dorabella (J. Simpson), 11-4 T. Stack (6-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Great Gulf, 10-1 Glasgow Express, King Saul, 12-1 Fighting King, 14-1 Stand-By, Highway Robbery (4th), 20-1 Bishops Pawn, Cantatrice, Caracella, Icker, The Jackal, Jewel Of Meath, Move Up, Old Policy, The Parch. 18 ran.
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THE ARTS

Advance fanfares for some

Peter Davis

Beverley Sills's debut at the Metropolitan Opera in a new production of Rossini's *The Siege of Corinth* was a national event. Everyone, it seemed, was interested—even people who had never set foot inside the Met or had heard an opera there were reading and talking about it. Pre-performance interviews and background stories appeared in virtually every major news publication in the country and for those who could not attend, radio and television kept a nation-wide audience apprised of the event-in-progress as ovation followed ovation.

One would have to go back to the days of Geraldine Farrar to find an American opera singer so universally beloved and even Farrar never quite achieved the kind of folk-heroine status now accorded Sills. Her long and hard-won rise to the top of her profession, her disagreements with Rudolf Bing that prevented her Met debut during the sixties, her family tragedies, her warmth, optimism and outspokenness on late-night television talk shows—all this has endeared Sills to a large segment of the American public.

Of course Sills is also a singer of vocal and interpretive talents, although few would deny that, at the age of 46 and after nearly ten years of intense devotion to the cruelly demanding Rossini-Donizetti-Bellini bel canto repertory, she is not the same singer that seemingly flowered over night in the City Opera's production of Handel's *Giulio Cesare* in 1966. The voice is now showing definite signs of wear; the once sweet lyric sheen has almost totally disappeared, all notes above high C are shrill and uncertainly pitched. She is still an uncommonly shrewd singer, however, and knows how to husband her resources, how to execute coloratura with a technical proficiency that also makes musical sense, and how to act.

Sills's stage magnetism and ability to find unsuspected

Beverly Sills in "The Siege of Corinth"   Photograph by Jack Mitchell

dramatic nuances in a role, even one with such limited possibilities as Pamira in *The Siege*, are surely rare qualities in any opera singer. Perhaps her decision to specialize in bel canto was a mistake given her basically light soprano. The path to superstardom has taken its toll and it is doubly regrettable when one thinks that Sills might have done for French opera, for which she was uniquely suited, what Callas did for the bel canto repertory in the fifties. At the moment, though, Beverly Sills is New York's reigning diva at both the Met and the City Opera where she will now concentrate her future career singing *Lucrezia Borgia*, *Daughter of the Regiment*, Violetta, Thaïs, Norma and the Marschallin.

The other ingers in *The Siege* understandably were barely noticed, although Shirley Verrett in the *travesti* role of Neocle, Justino Diaz as Maometto and Harry Theyard as Cleomene were far from negligible. Thomas Schippers conducted his own edition of the score which, as at the Schippers-Sills La Scala production in 1969, consists of a rather arbitrary conflation of the original 1820 Italian version (*Maometto II*) and the Paris revision of six years later. For the Met performances, the conductor has added a trio that Rossini composed for the 1823 revival of *Maometto II* in Venice and, in deference to the star of the evening, two elaborate cabalettas for Pamira. Nicola Benois's sets were sumptuously old-fashioned and Sandor Sequi's direction was minimal.

Four days before Sills's début, the Met welcomed another soprano to its roster—Magda Olivero as Tosca. This veteran singer, now in her sixties, appeared without advance fanfare as a late substitution and she was received with condescension in some quarters, outrage in others, and ecstatic enthusiasm from the small coterie of fans who have followed her Indian summer career via pirated tapes and discs.

It was a magnificent performance by any standards. Unlike Sills, who really did not have to prove herself, Olivero sang and acted for her life. That controversial voice, with its reedy timbre and almost unlimited range of vocal expression, met every challenge unflinchingly; the brilliant top Cs and whispered pianissimos, her instinctive feeling for the rhythmic shape of a phrase, total involvement in every verbal nuance of the role—everything meshed into a completely finished portrait of Tosca. Still a beautiful woman, Olivero carried herself with youthful grace and acted with an intensity of concentration that one rarely sees on opera stages today. Her three Met Toscas were to be Olivero's farewell to opera—a moving and distinctive finale to an extraordinary 42-year career.

The New York City Opera has very nearly made Erich Wolfgang Korngold's *Die tote Stadt* into a moving picture film. Frank Corsaro's production, which was given its premiere in New York earlier this month, uses films and projections rather than sets and backdrops to illustrate the opera's hallucinatory plot—an ingenious idea and one which Corsaro has applied with considerable success in the past to underscore the visionary impressionism of two Delius operas, *Koanga* and *A Village Romeo and Juliet*.

The production had a touch of poetic justice on another level: Korngold, of course, did in fact become one of Hollywood's leading film composers from 1934 to 1947—after his *Wunderkind* days in Vienna where he wrote *Die tote Stadt* in 1920 when he was 23. In 1975, one is immediately struck by how complementary Korngold's two careers actually turned out to be: the plot is a typical Hollywood "psychological drama" (circa 1935), while the lush, late romantic symphonic idiom of the score is precisely what used to be termed "movie music".

Briefly, the story concerns a young man, Paul, who is obsessed by the memory of his beautiful dead wife, Marie, and in his gloomy attic apartment he broods over relics of their life together: a portrait, a shawl, Marie's lute and a long braid of her golden hair. One day Paul meets a loose-living dancer, Marietta, who resembles Marie in every physical aspect, and his attempts to transfer his love from the dead to the living end in disaster.

After a series of nightmarish visions, erotic love scenes, and vicious quarrels, Paul strangles Marietta with the braid of Marie's hair. ("Now they resemble each other exactly" hisses Paul over the corpse.) The grisly deed jolts Paul back to reality—it was all a dream, and he now realizes that he must leave his "dead city" and build a new life.

If one approaches *Die tote Stadt* in the proper nostalgic spirit, the opera is vastly entertaining. The tunes, particularly Marietta's familiar Lute Song and the Pierrot *Tanzlied* in the dance interlude of Act 2, are beguiling bits of kitsch reminiscent of Lehar with a dash of Richard Strauss, and Korngold's sense of theatrical effect equals Puccini's at his best. And how deliciously Viennese it all is, telling us to forget the past on the one hand while making nostalgia seem so seductively attractive on the other. No wonder the opera took Vienna by storm directly after the First Warld War.

The Corsaro production was predictably inventive and immediate. The films, actually made in the Belgian town of Bruges where *Die tote Stadt* takes place, created an almost palpable sense of time and place, although they were perhaps too busy in places, overweighted with symbolism and occasionally inconsistent. Nor was the frame of reality which surrounds Paul's dream clearly established at the beginning and end of the opera. Even so, the device is a fascinating one and clearly the potential of mixed-media opera is just beginning to be explored.

Neither Carol Neblett as Marie-Marietta, nor John Alexander as Paul seemed entirely at ease with their roles, partially because Korngold's vocal lines strenuously hammer away at the top of the soprano and tenor registers. Neblett appears to be going through a period of readjustment as her lyric instrument darkens into a dramatic one, and she often found it difficult to focus an even tone. Alexander seemed somewhat fatigued by his assignment and acted rather stuffily.

Obviously *Die tote Stadt* needs two extraordinary singing actors if the opera is going to make a full effect—apparently no one since Maria Jeritza, who sang Marie-Marietta in Vienna and at the Metropolitan Opera in 1921, has made all the elements mesh so smoothly (Jeritza, incidentally, was in the audience at the City Opera's first performance). Diane Curry as Brigitta and Dominic Cossa as the Pierrot figure, Fritz, performed capably and the opera was conducted by Imre Pallo, who sensibly allowed the music to make its own luscious points without indulging the score's more treacley aspects.

Söderström/Meyer
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Alan Blyth

Elisabeth Söderström an[d] Kerstin Meyer have been [a] vocal duet for most of the[ir] careers and have appeare[d] together umpteen times [in] opera, so that one voi[ce] responds to the other, [in] nuance and rubato, almo[st] instinctively. Tuesday's pro[gramme], marking the eightie[th] anniversary of Sir Malcol[m] Sargent's birth and in aid [of] the cancer fund in his nam[e] was devoted, so far as the joi[nt] pieces were concerned, mostl[y] to the singers' lighter repertoi[re] and here the natural blend [of] voices with similar characte[r] and vibrato was mostly joyou[s].

It was not exactly an evenin[g] for anyone who likes everythin[g] done authentically, but the charm of both artists usuall[y] overcame such purist thought[s] even in the opening series [of] seventeenth-century due[ts] where the piano accompanimen[t] seemed particularly inappro[priate].

Then it was surprising indee[d] to find such excellent linguis[ts] tackling Bartok and Dvorak i[n] German translation. The latter Moravian duets sound partic[u]larly anachronistic in that form although the performances [of] these artless songs had the righ[t] vigour and absence of soph[i]stication. Bartok's collection [of] Hungarian folk songs, one [of] Miss Meyer's solo groups, soun[ded] awkward in German, too, bu[t] she often made us forget tha[t] by her sincere readings.

Whatever the language, trans[]lations would have been helpfu[l] particularly as much of th[e] music was not what is usuall[y] encountered in recitals. Indeec[d] the rarity of many of the item[s] such as three of Tchaikovsky's Op 46 duets (here again th[e] language surely should be Rus[]sian not French), was one of th[e] programme's delights. Of thes[e] Tchaikovsky duets the soulfu[l] "Tears", rather in the Onegi[n] vein, and the airy "Dawn" wer[e] real discoveries, particularl[y] when interpreted with such eas[e] of feeling.

Miss Söderström stuck to th[e] more regular lieder repertoi[re] for her solo groups, but eve[n] here, her Strauss group include[d] the seldom-heard, enchantin[g] Rückert setting, "Ein Obdach gegen Sturm und Regen". I[n] her selection from Wolf' Spanish Songbook, she predic[]tably went to the heart of th[e] predicaments of the ladies sh[e] was impersonating, but some[]times the emotions were gener[]alized rather than projecting in[]dividual character. Jan Eyron['s] support, admirable elsewhere here suffered from the under[]playing of such marvello[us] accompaniments as that i[n] "Geh' Geliebter".

David Hemmings as Bertie   Photograph by Donald Cooper

Jeeves
Her Majesty's

Irving Wardle

The curtain rises on a village hall in Wodehouseshire revealing Bertie plucking merrily away on the banjo with toothy backing from the Drones' Club choir. But hardly is he through the three-chord trick when the strings break, and *Jeeves is* dispatched to find replacements. Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, the latest big-spending tenant in this cavernous house, consists of Bertie's little chat to the audience while waiting to get tuned up again.

The effect is like a dream of all the Wooster novels combined into the ultimate ghastly weekend, until we awaken to the renewed strains of "Banjo Boy". You might say that Ayckbourn has devised an ingenious way of getting his title character off stage for the entire show; but fortunately he ignores this plotting snag, and Michael Aldridge's Jeeves is on hand throughout the evening, inconspicuously shooting his cuffs and modestly supplying perfect last lines for the lyrics when his betters run out of rhymes. The only mistake he makes is to shimmer on with the banjo strings when Bertie is trying to rescue David Wood's Bingo from a gilt chandelier without being observed by Sir Watkyn Bassett's midnight madrigal party.

Other guests languishing on the mobile furniture of Tottley Towers include Christopher Good's boneless Gusie, and John Turner as the unspeakable Spode, *führer* of the Black Shorts ("the arm of the Black Shorts movement is far-reaching"); these being among the suitors for the various terrifying girls to all of whom Bertie becomes inadvertently engaged.

Ayckbourn's banjo trick gives him the all-important advantage of preserving Wodehouse's own narrative style. David Hemmings, as Bertie, staggers back appalled, and then turns to the audience to remark "I staggered back appalled." When we get to Jeevesian lines like: "At this point in the narrative Mr Fink-Nottle arrives, sir", you can also see the danger: tricksiness instead of storytelling. But with this adapter, we are in safe hands when it comes to technical juggling and scoring comic points.

The main point at issue is whether he and his composer have underestimated the required scale of operations. *Jeeves* is a modest, well-written, unspectacular piece in the musical comedy tradition: everything stops when somebody gets a song, and Eric Thompson's production generally inhabits small areas of the stage and shows no flair for company animation (such as the occasion of Spode's rally). The score is patchy. Some numbers take off into cascades of joyous invention: and Debbie Bowen has one superb mock-innocent ballad as the ruthless ingenue Stiffy. But there is also an excessive amount of dutiful twenties pastiche.

I admired the craftily increasing grandeur of Voytek's sets: pastel backdrops gradually ascending to solid Corinthian pillars, and a complete baronial interior wheeled on by Jeeves at the end. At close quarters, the show gives considerable pleasure; up in the circle it might all seem a long way off.

Il trovatore
Covent Garden

William Mann

Sometimes, in past performances of Verdi's *Il trovatore*, the classic casting recipe (the greatest soprano, alto, tenor, baritone and bass in the world) has been overweighted on the distaff side. Covent Garden's current revival balances the scales more evenly. If they tipped for a while on Tuesday it was in the other direction when Sherrill Milnes was stealing the show with "Il balen", looking the perfect handsome villain with his saucy single ear-ring, singing with glorious line and poise, living every word, and pouring out tone that can only be called burnished, as he did from start to finish of the performance.

By that time, halfway through the second act, Anton Guadagno had established himself as a first rate Verdi accompanist, attentive to singers, careful about orchestral balance and atmosphere, strongly in control of the strings who played with real refinement for him. His was not a big, virtuoso reading presumably because his singers were only easing themselves gradually into their music.

Montserrat Caballé, for example, had given us a delicate, under-projected "Tacea la notte". Irina Arkhipova treated us to some noble chest tones and a ringing top, but yet "Condotta ell' era in ceppi" was sung less dramatically than her visible characterization led one to expect. Carlo Cossutta had seemed, in Manrico's serenade and "Mal reggendo", more reliable than exciting of voice, though his words too were vividly relished.

Later, Caballé contributed some exquisitely floated soft phrases, some poor intonation and vaguely gracious arm-waving, and singing of the fourth act as lustrous and sensitively moulded, almost throughout ("Tu vedrai" was short and disappointing), as we had all hoped for. She managed to spin out her dying solo, "Prima che d'altri vivere", with the incredibly protracted, searing, breath control, as the phrase rises and hovers before plummeting, that I remem[]bered from Callas in the sam[e] theatre and thought never [to] hear equalled.

There was accomplished sin[g]ing from Arkhipova in the thir[d] and fourth acts but she did n[ot] touch the heart in "Giorn[i] poveri" (though the orchestr[a] was helping her) or "De[h] rallentate" which needs fir[m] and incisive articulation such [as] she has shown us on record[s]. Cossutta, a handsome if som[e]times inflexible figure on stag[e] gave a thrilling account of "D[i] quella pira" and topped it wit[h] the hectic jealousy of "H[...] quest' infame" in the last scen[e] though "Ah si, ben mio" coul[d] have done with more honey i[n] the voice. Richard Van Allan['s] Ferrando huffed and puff[ed] suitably in strong black voic[e] still in search of a positi[ve] characterization.

They all needed a produc[er] to weld their performances t[o]gether. Charles Hamilton's chi[ef] contribution was the woundi[ng] of Manrico by Ferrando at th[e] end of the first act, an eve[nt] contradicted by the synopsis. [...] Manrico's later words, and [...] Verdi's written instruction.

LPO/Pritchard
Festival Hall

Max Harrison

At first hearing, Frank Martin's Piano Concerto No 2, which had its British premiere on Tuesday does not appear to be shaped by quite the fastidious ear which gives distinction to so much of his work. On the contrary, many passages in the first and last movements sound thick and heavy, the textures undifferentiated.

The fugato section of the opening Con Moto is a particularly bad case, although there are many ideas in the Finale which, if they have a strong rhythmic shape, possess no real character.

In both these outer movements the keyboard part is often extremely difficult, and received a brittle performance from Paul Badura-Skoda. Despite the myriad notes, however, there are few grand gestures, with the partial exception of the finale cadenza, and the pianist's often is a concertante part.

Such a work might seem an unlikely item in a concert that was a tribute to Josef Krips, who died last October. Yet it was originally intended that h[e] should conduct exactly this pr[o]gramme, and the remaini[ng] pieces, symphonies by Moz[art] and Brahms, were admitted[ly] more in keeping. Aside fr[om] some moments of un[...] exuberance from the hor[ns] John Pritchard gave [an] admirably warm and balanc[ed] account of the latter's No 1, b[ut] I never felt the first moveme[nt] of Mozart's No 34 quite caug[ht] fire. It was chiefly a matter [of] the implications of key phras[es] never being altogether driv[en] home, and some of the gestu[res] consequently appearing le[ss] essential than in fact it is.

London debuts

David Campbell bids fair to add his name to the lengthening list of significant English clarinet players. To judge from his Wigmore Hall recital his confidence and technique are boundless, and with the accomplished pianist Andrew Ball, he has formed a duo that is obviously out to explore every facet of the available repertory.

They proved their worth most tellingly in Brahms's F minor sonata, leaving us to wonder how the work can also sound so satisfactory in the alternative viola version. Mr Campbell kept his tone compact, warm but not too vibrant throughout so that the eloquent slow movement sang sweetly without ever cloying. The third movement was appropriately graceful and the finale brimming over in high spirits with a freedom that could have come only from players well acquainted with each other's style. The only misjudgment here came in the opening movement where the tempo relationships were never satisfactorily worked out, and the opening speed was in any case too ponderous.

The contrast of mellowness and fire in both artists' approach was also finely attuned to Schumann's subjective *Phantasiestücke*, with the third piece brilliantly done. The technically no less demanding *Le Tombeau de Ravel* of Arthur Benjamin, hopelessly neglected as a composer today, was nicely contrasted in mood and colour. These short pieces explore to the full the various clarinet registers, in each of which Mr Campbell is master. On his own Mr Ball chose three of Shostakovich's Preludes and Fugues, finding thoughtfulness for No 1 in C, stately brilliance for No 15 in D Flat.

Alan Blyth

Eva Graubin and Rober[t] Bravo's violin and piano recit[al] was more notable for the bol[d]ness of their programme th[an] for interpretative enterpris[e]. And although they undoubted[ly] warmed to the dated grote[s]queries and elegant schmalz [of] the Ravel Sonata they we[re] much less successful in Bee[t]hoven's *Spring Sonata* whe[re] Mr Bravo's rather pedestria[n] security and Miss Graubin['s] technical unease were often di[s]turbingly ill-matched. Th[e] Franck Sonata found Mi[ss] Graubin frequently energet[ic] rather than impassioned and M[r] Bravo's warm and ingratiatin[g] tone finally seemed too u[n]varied and limited, particular[ly] in the more daunting momen[ts] of the notoriously difficu[lt] presto. Both players were [at] their best in Kochanski['s] arrangement of de Falla's *Sui[te] Populaire Espagnole*; thoug[h] even here one rarely heard [a] truly authentic blend [of] rhythmic panache and ton[al] allure. It would be ungenerou[s] not to add that the enthusias[m] of Mr and Mrs Bravo's outsi[de] audience was boundless.

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John Groser

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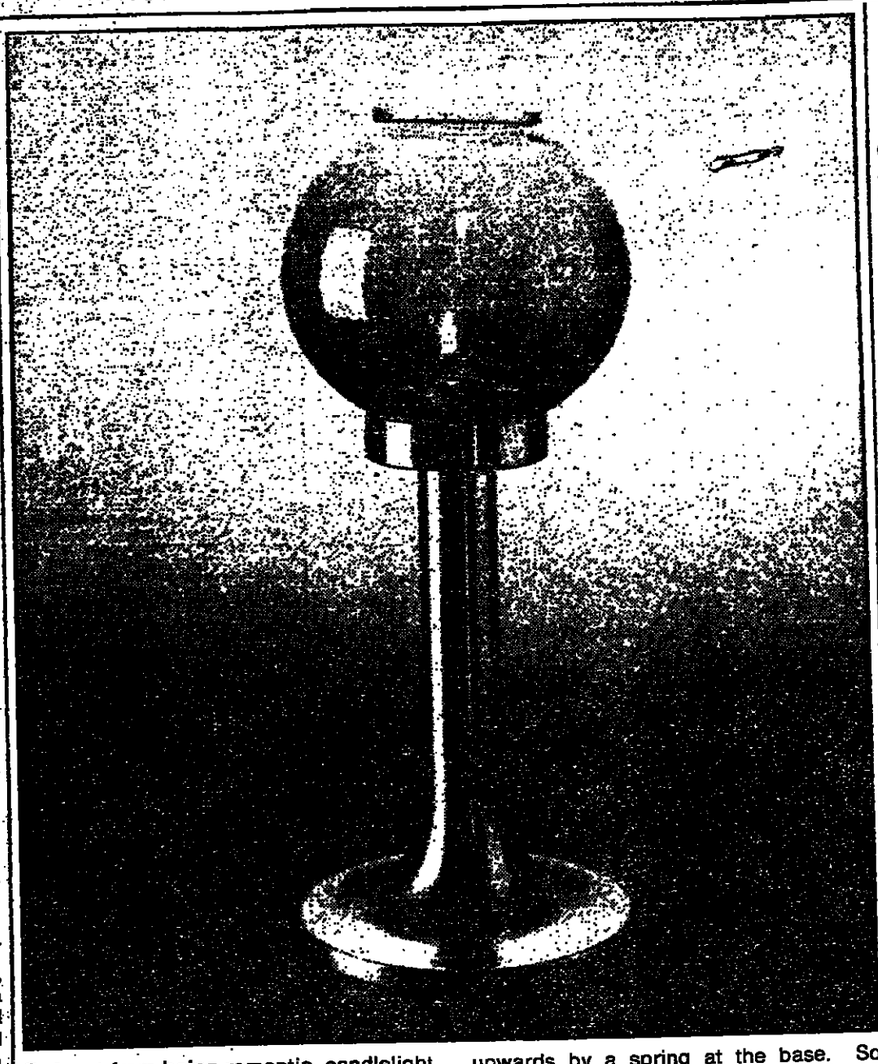
Like all Styles's work, the pieces have great simplicity and dignity. They are beautiful to handle, look good and (apart from the merit of investment) are functional.

Which is not to say that I would want to own them, even if I could afford them. The cost of the coaster, in silver, is £140. The silver paper knife is £110; and a silver caddy spoon comes at £50. Application forms for this limited edition and descriptive leaflets are available from Garrard.

In a way it is a pity that Garrard maintain an image of only being there for the "top end of the market", for there are some wonderful goodies in the store which those who do not regard themselves as "top people" might want and afford.

The showroom is a bit forbidding, none the less; although on my last visit a couple in jeans and Yak-skin coats were shopping. A floorwalker told me they were Mick and Bianca someone. *Chacun son loot* . . . I suppose.



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A pin in time saves cooking

● My suggestion a fortnight ago that some women were terrified to use spices and garlic in their cooking has caused grave offence, I fear. Really, ladies, I was not implying that women could not cook. I simply meant that you do not cook so well as men. See? No hard feelings?

So to make amends, I have discovered a terrific gadget that will help when you are roasting joints and poultry. Called the Thermo Pin, the device will reduce cooking time, often by as much as 40 per cent.

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Made-to-measure bed that takes you back in time

● The idea of a bespoke bed is enormously appealing and if you do not already have your own tame carpenter I recommend that you pay a visit to Les Mason at 27 Church Street, London, NW8. The shop there is called Three Bridges and the telephone has yet to be wired up. You can ring his workshop, however, and leave a message (01-624 4748).

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Coarse, but now colourful, coir

● Coir fibre has always been a cheap and practical form of carpeting, though some people feel that it is a bit rough under bare foot.

To my mind, the greatest drawback of Coir carpeting has been the fact that hitherto it was only available in a natural shade—a sort of biscuit colour before the biscuit has been dunked in the tea.

A new range of woven Coir carpet known as Gypsy Weave is available exclusively from Afia Carpets, 81 Baker Street, London W1M 1AJ (01-935 0414) and if you agree that beige or biscuit can be a monotonous colour you will be pleased with the shades now offered.

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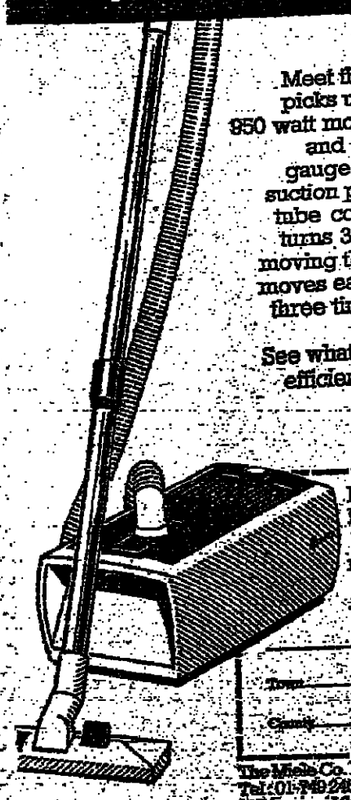

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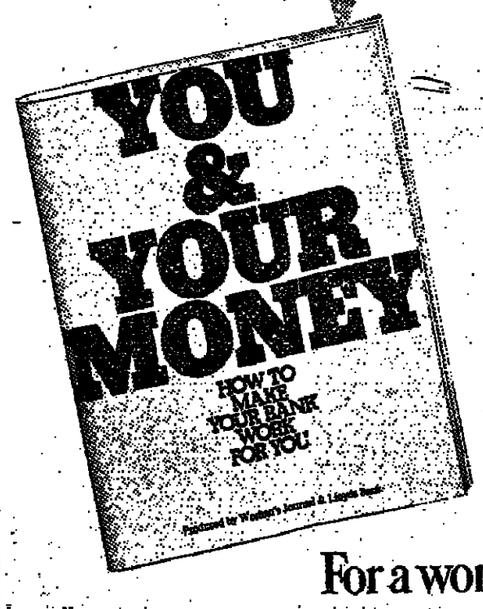

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Independent inquiry into events concerning the Crown Agents: new board overcoming problems

House of Commons

MRS HART, Minister of Overseas Development (Lanark, Lab), in a statement about the Crown Agents, said:—

Just before the Christmas recess, I explained the immediate problems of the Crown Agents' reserves and liquidity which had been reported to me by the new chairman and board, and announced the Government's agreement to provide immediate support of £85m and the agreement of the Bank of England to provide standby facilities.

So far, the Crown Agents have found no need to draw upon either the £85m or the standby facility at the Bank of England to meet liquidity problems. We shall all hope that this will continue to be the case. But the support of the Government stands firm and ready. The grant is there to cover prudent writing down of assets as necessary, and to provide a capital base.

I would also like the House to know of the confidence I have in Mr John Cuckney, the new chairman of the Crown Agents, and in his board. In the most difficult circumstances, they are overcoming the problems they faced on appointment with considerable success. Since December, overseas principals have increased the scope and scale of their business with the Crown Agents.

Confidence has increased, and it is right that this should be so; for the steady and gradual withdrawal from property investments and secondary banking, according to my directive, is restoring a fundamental financial soundness in their operations.

I have now made further appointments to the board. I have appointed Mr Harry Hoff, Mr James Jack and, with effect from July 1, Mrs Hester Boothroyd, to join Mr Leslie Kirkley and Mr John Gordon as members of the board. I have also appointed Mr John Goble, at present a member of the board, as deputy chairman.

I can now make an interim report—not yet a final one, for reasons I shall make clear. It concerns not the present but the past.

The chairman has provided me with his board's views on the circumstances which led to the need for financial support, which have been assisted by the investigations carried out by Coopers and Lybrand, the consulting accountants. These are not yet complete. They have had to work on a very large number of transactions made over a long period of time.

Main factors

The principal factors which the board consider to have contributed to the problem are:

First: The operation of a substantial banking business without an adequate capital base.

Second: Over-dependence on the property and secondary banking sectors, and commitment of an unduly large proportion of the total banking resources to a small number of borrowers.

Third: Inadequate controls and procedures for approving and monitoring loans to subsidiary and associated companies, for security for advances, and for the delegation of authority.

Fourth: Lack of outside commercial banking experience among senior staff.

These defects of the past are rapidly being remedied.

The Government have reached two major conclusions. We believe it important and necessary, and the board of the Crown Agents recommend it, to arrange for an independent inquiry into past events and the circumstances giving rise to the need for Government support.

Accordingly I have decided to set up a committee of inquiry with the following terms of reference:

"To inquire into the circumstances which led to the Crown Agents requesting financial assistance from the Government".

The inquiry will be conducted by Judge Fay sitting with Sir Edmund Compton and an accountant. There will, of course, be complete protection of the confidential interests of the overseas principals.

We also propose to give further consideration to the relationship between the Crown Agents and Government. I shall present a White Paper to the House at a later stage—I hope during this session—with my detailed proposals, along with the necessary background information about past custom and practice.

Delay

MR WOOD (Bridlington, C)—Does Mrs Hart recall chiding me in the gentle way she has for delay in these matters? She started these investigations in the 1960s and they look like now going into the late 1970s.

In this statement in which she has announced the setting up of the inquiry has she not to a large extent already prejudged the findings of that inquiry? What power is the committee of inquiry going to have? Among other things, will Sir Claude Hayes and others closely concerned have full freedom to state their views in accordance with the recommendations of the Salmon Committee?

MRS HART—I am surprised by Mr Wood's tone. He will recollect that I had asked for some study to be made of the constitutional relationship between the Crown Agents and the Government in the last few months of 1970 when I was in my present post and in which he succeeded me.

We then had—and he is right to say I chided him from time to time, as did one or two of my colleagues—a period of time. We had the Stevenson report which he refused to publish. We now have a situation with which I think it is fair to say the Government have done their best to come to grips.

The inquiry will be conducted according to the discretion of Judge Fay and Sir Edmund Compton, and the accountant who is yet to be named. We have no reason to suppose that any information which is requested will not be forthcoming.

MR CUNNINGHAM (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab)—Will she accept congratulations on the speedy clean-up job she has done on this over the past 10 months or so? While the inquiry is being conducted, and from now on, can we be sure that the annual reports produced by the Crown Agents will give full information about the holdings that they have, whether directly or indirectly, and the companies with which they have commercial association?

Am I right in assuming that if the Crown Agents draw upon any part of the £85m standby cover then they will be answerable to the Public Accounts Committee but that they will not be answerable to the committee otherwise?

MRS HART—I confirm the last point. One hopes and believes it will not prove necessary to draw on the £85m. It is gratifying that this has not been drawn on up to now. I hope that situation will continue. Should it occur, however, this would be a matter in which the accounting officer of my department would hold responsibility and it would be a matter for the Public Accounts Committee.

On the first point, as from now the annual report of the Crown Agents, as distinct from past practice, is to be submitted to me so that I may make it available to Parliament and the accounts will similarly be made available to Parliament.

Audited accounts for the last possible year, 1972, are already in the Library. I think Mr Cunningham will find they do give the kind of information that is needed. If this proves not to be the case the Crown Agents or I would be responsive to any discussions about what further information they might include.

MR HORDERN (Horsham and Crawley, C)—May we take it that the findings she has so far made from the Cooper-Lybrand report are temporary findings and are liable to the fullest possible justification by the full judicial inquiry to take place later?

Will she allow that inquiry to make a full inquiry of all matters in the past but also allow Sir Claude Hayes to see the evidence and findings which that judicial inquiry may make, unlike past practice in Department of Trade investigations, and that he will be allowed to comment on any findings that inquiry makes before they are published?

MRS HART—The detailed conduct of the inquiry must be a matter for Judge Fay and the other members. I am certain the inquiry will wish to give every opportunity for everybody to be fully acquainted with the whole situation and say whatever they want to say. That is much the fairest way of conducting it.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—One of the most important reasons why it has been Mrs Hart's duty to tell the House, not only on this occasion but others, of the scandalous investments and so on within the area of the Crown Agents has been because they wanted the highest rate of return, and usually in this system of ours the highest rate of return can involve investments within the murky and seamy side of life.

The net result was that like a good many other people they got their fingers burnt pouring money into property speculation and even slum speculation. Will she insist that any future investments are of a kind that will not lead her as a minister to have to come to this House as the previous minister did and try to explain away how these investments had been made in those areas?

Will she see to it that the committee of inquiry will establish clearly how much money has been lost as a result of all these investments in all these areas of secondary banking with particular reference to the amount of money lost as a result of investment in the ill-fated Stonehouse venture? (Interruptions.)

Crisis of liquidity

MRS HART—Mr Skinner is right in pointing to the facts which I outlined in my earlier statement in December that it was the investment in property companies and secondary banking in which there had been a considerable decline in the value of assets that had led to the immediate crisis of liquidity.

I have given a positive directive. This is now to decline. The Crown Agents are to withdraw in a phased way—it is correct to phase it—both from secondary banking and properties. Since October more than £59m has been withdrawn from property and secondary banking by the Crown Agents.

Regarding London and County Securities, I made clear a month or two ago that this is a matter for the commercial judgment of the Crown Agents. It is not strictly a matter in which I would regard it as proper for me to intervene.

Heavy Government defeat: MPs decide on county and regional voting results in EEC membership referendum

The committee stage of the Referendum Bill was resumed.

On Clause 2 (Conduct of referendum),

MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L) moved an amendment to provide for the count to be conducted on a constituency basis. Similar amendments were also discussed.

He said in previous committee debates ministers repeatedly used the argument that in conducting the referendum they wished as far as possible to observe normal election procedures. But a centralized count was a big departure from normal election procedures and was undesirable and cumbersome.

Ballot boxes would have to be brought from throughout the United Kingdom to Earls Court, piled up high, and then counted. The mind boggled at such an exercise, and the House should be told how much of the £9m was earmarked for this national count.

It would be difficult to avoid leaks on how the count was going. There were enough leaks from local counts taking only a few hours, so how were they going to avoid speculation on a count taking three days and nights?

In a local count they would be able to use the expertise of local returning officers, and the normal procedures used in elections. More enthusiasm would be generated among the public if the count were at local level.

It was argued that a constituency count was liable to bring undue pressure on the position of the MP in his constituency. This argument applied regardless of whether an MP was pro- or anti-market. This view had been thrown out of the window by holding a referendum at all.

It was also argued that a local count would be used for separatist purposes within the United Kingdom. They had to face up to this. The referendum would be used for separatist purposes anyway, regardless of whether the count was local or national.

MR ALEX FLETCHER (Edinburgh, North, C) said he supported the amendment. The referendum, by its nature, was a device which allowed the Government to duck the issue and pass the buck because of indecision and political inadequacy within the ranks of the Labour Party.

Of the various methods suggested to save MPs the embarrassment of knowing what their constituents might think when the referendum was introduced, the most absurd device was the national count. There was no precedent for this. The horror of some of the things that might go on ranged from the possibility of a students' prank as thousands of ballot boxes trundled towards London to the possibility of a re-count.

MR EDMUND MARSHALL (Goole, Lab) said the proposal to have a constituency count raised many administrative difficulties. The purpose of the referendum was to seek the views of the British people on this issue outside Parliament, without reference to Parliament, independently of Parliament and in no way connected with the processes of Parliament.

For England and Wales the natural unit to choose for local counting was the county. The only difficulty this caused was that the Isle of Wight, which was a county, was also a parliamentary constituency. In the amendment with which his name was associated the Isle of Wight was deliberately put together with the county of Hampshire for counting purposes.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC) said every effort would be made to ascertain the referendum result locally as well as generally. If people were to get the information through opinion polls, for example, this would discredit the machinery being set up and lead to assertion and counter assertion.

The least eligible alternative would be one single national count with a refusal to supply any other information. Also, he and his colleagues would reject a count by the countries of the United Kingdom. They represented those who were determined to remain an integral part of the United Kingdom.

The most eligible choice was to count by areas substantially larger than the normal constituency and which, though they would give a reasonable picture of the local spread and balance of opinion, would avoid pushing to the extreme the conflict between parliamentary representation and the sounding of opinion by referendum.

However, most of the voters represented by his party would regard as objectionable the proposition that Northern Ireland should be one counting area. So what would be the nearest approximation in Northern Ireland to what was proposed for the rest of the United Kingdom? Unfortunately, the country was not suitable. Exceptionally, for Ulster, the most appropropriate areas was the parliamentary constituency.

He supported the amendment of Mr MacFarquhar but proposed that in respect of Northern Ireland, for electoral convenience and because of the special circumstances there, it should be managed in the manner in which he had proposed.

MR MACFARQUHAR (Belper, Lab), speaking to an amendment in his name, said a national count would exacerbate tensions in the country, rather than relieve them. If there was a national country, the SNP would for ever after claim that Scotland had been cheated. There would be rumour, suspicion and bitterness.

Honesty was the best policy, and if Scotland voted by a majority to leave the EEC, that fact should be faced, whatever the implications for the politics of this country. He believed Scotland would show a majority in favour of staying in. He could not support the Liberal amendment for constituency declarations.

It would be better to reject the national count and have the count on a regional basis.

MR WIGLEY (Caernarvon, Plaid Cymru) said the argument that the result being declared on a Wales-Scotland basis would lead to the break-up of the United Kingdom was a fallacy. The people of Wales or Scotland might or might not have the same result as the people in England or Scotland, but they at least had the right to know where they stood.

If there was a referendum in which they asked people to cast their judgment on an issue and they came back to the House with no mechanism for putting that result into practice MPs would find themselves the laughing stock of these islands. It could be a serious challenge to the Commons.

He would regard his constituency result as binding on him. Whether or not the debate resulted in a change to the Bill Wales was going to assess the Welsh result. They would have the result out if not on the night then the next day.

MR LEE (Birmingham, Handsworth, Lab) said the arguments against a centralized count were overwhelming. The task facing the counting and scrutiny staff would be great. The opportunities for mischief and disruption that a centralized count would give rise to made the mind boggle at the security arrangements that would be necessary. It would take only two or three bomb hoaxes to add two or three days on to the count in certain circumstances.

MR RIDLEY (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said the reason the Government wanted to have the count on a national basis was so that they could slide out of their responsibilities to their constituents.

It came ill from the four ministers leading the revolt against Government policy to say that the referendum should be binding on those who were in favour but at the same time to deny him and other MPs the opportunity of knowing how their constituents voted. This was at the heart of the dishonest case being put forward by those pressing for a national count.

He was prepared to face his constituents on the declaration of the vote. Were those not in favour of continued membership prepared to face their constituents? They should count by constituency so that they would have the courage to face up to their responsibilities.

MRS WINIFRED EWING (Moray and Nairn, Scot Nat) said her party supported Mr Steel's amendment. The central count would be absurd. The Government were asking the House to throw away its rights of scrutiny. When she asked how many boxes had to be lost before there was a recount, she could not get serious answers and the whole thing was treated as a joke. Was that perhaps because the whole thing was a joke? (Cheers.)

Imagine asking the public in all seriousness to wait five days for the result (she said) when they could have the basic result, unless it is terribly close, in two or even one day.

The absurdity of it is what I should like to emphasize. It is also absurd to have a referendum and then start discussing whether or not it will be binding.

A referendum on a central count was absurd and undemocratic and there was no means by which they could be sure it was correct. The central count was so absurd that they would be the laughing stock of the civilized world.

MR BUCHAN (West Renfrewshire, Lab) said he agreed that this was an absurd proceeding. He wanted to know what the people of his constituency wanted. He would be voting against staying in and after the referendum would be supporting the decision of the referendum, since they had said, as a party, a movement and a Government, that the people would decide.

MR HOYLE (Nelson and Colne, Lab) said he would accept the national result, but it was only democratic that they should hear the result on a constituency basis and it should be announced on this basis as well.

MR ALAN CLARK (Plymouth, Sutton, C) said he could not understand why there should be any MP, with the possible exception of the Prime Minister, who should not wish that the results of the referendum be both counted, which was more economic, and announced, which was more democratic, on a constituency basis.

By accepting the amendment the House had a possibility of ameliorating an evil precedent and retaining some vestige of its proper authority.

MR PHIPPS (Dudley, West, Lab) said voting should be on a regional basis.

MR RUSSEL JOHNSTON (Inverness, L) said the objections to a vote at constituency level were political objections. He saw no reason why anyone should be afraid to know what his constituents thought. If that fear was the reason which would determine the votes of MPs in the lobbies, then it was a shameful reason, not a reason of which to be proud.

If he did not know how his constituents voted, it would be for him an anonymous result. He wanted to know how they voted, and all MPs should have a similar desire.

MR SHORT, Lord President of the Council (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab), said the amendment fell into two groups: those in favour of declaring the results by constituencies and those in favour of declaring the results by counties or regional authorities. He was in favour of a central count, but Labour MPs would have a free vote.

The issue was a United Kingdom issue on which only the United Kingdom result was significant. The constituency was the whole of the United Kingdom. When there was a parliamentary election the result was not announced for a ward of a polling district, but only for the constituency as a whole. It was right that the same should apply in the referendum.

Some of those who supported some of the amendments wanted to be able to demonstrate that Scotland or Wales thought differently from the rest of the United Kingdom. In order to promote the argument for independence which had been consistently rejected by their electors, it would be wrong in principle to try to turn the referendum on one issue into a referendum on another.

The case for regional counting rested on the desire to record for all time which parts of the country voted one way and which voted another. Why should people wish to do that, if not to perpetuate for the future the divisions and the bitterness with which the EEC debate had sadly been surrounded for so long?

When the referendum was over and the issue had been settled, it was of critical importance for everybody unitedly to accept the result, whatever it was, and join together to build the best future for the country.

That would not be helpe recording how individual par the country voted. All it woul was make it easier to foster di and help entrench existing tudes towards membership o EEC. It was far better to fac to any short-term controversy the central counting, and to the amendments, than to damaging national unity in future.

If that was true for a c count, it was even more true count by constituencies, they would risk adding to the sions further.

The Government and Partie had made clear again and that the final decision on mem ship must rest with Parlia They were also sure, however, the House as a whole should flout the people's wishes. It the nation as a whole, not individual part of it, that House would wish to be guide That was the essence of the for a central count.

Many MPs had attacked the posal to count the votes at Court. Now the preparations count there were well advanc was clear that adequate arra ments could be made for transfer, the security of the t boxes, the recruitment of staf the organization of the cou operation itself.

I believe that at this mome said) the balance of admin convenience lies very m a central count. It is no u it cannot be done, or done in a chaotic way. I assu House it can be done. If the so decides, it will be done efficiently.

The amendment, for a d ation by counties would sig all the votes in the United dom to be counted in the even though the results would to be declared by counties regions by the national returning officer.

An arrangement of that apart from the administ advantages, would ensure results from small counties tha give a misleading impression o likely United Kingdom results

MR PEYTON, Opposi spokesman on House of Com affairs (Yeovil, C), said Government would be ill adv to accept the course proposed Mr Short. They would be advised to turn away from developments which might degenerate into high farce would be wrong to take risks hoped the Government would second thoughts and recoil this administrative horror.

The wisest course was to ac the amendment proposing a co on a county basis.

A closure motion was carrie 260 votes to 156—Governm majority, 104.

The Liberal amendment pro ling constituency counts rejected by 264 votes to 1 Government majority, 133.

Mr MacFarquhar's amendm for county and regional results carried by 270 votes to 1 majority against the Governm 117.

Finance Bill

MR SHELDON, Minister State, Treasury, said in a wri reply that the Finance Bill w be published on April 29.

Minister wants to avoid referendum result leak

MR DYKES (Harrow, East, C) moved an amendment to provide that the result of the vote should be announced in both Houses of Parliament simultaneously on the day after the count was completed.

MR GERALD FOWLER, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (The Wrekin, Lab), said that it was intended that a statement would be made in Parliament the day after the completion of the count. There were practical difficulties in the way of not making an announcement of the result until it was announced in Parliament.

It would be the worst of all possible results if the poll result were to leak accurately or inaccurately before a due declaration in proper form.

SIR MICHAEL HAVERS (Merton, Wimbledon, C) said the Opposition intended to put down an amendment to provide for a count in each county and each area provided in the amendment which the House had accepted.

MR DYKES said he wondered if the minister could indicate that an announcement would be made tomorrow (Thursday) given a clear indication on the timetable, so the amendment could be withdrawn.

MR FOWLER said when they had debated the amendments the Opposition had tabled tomorrow, he would make every effort to give the fullest information possible.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Government money for campaign

On Clause 3 (Grants towards cost of campaign),

MR BUCHAN (West Renfrewshire, Lab) moved an amendment (in the name of Mr William Hamilton) to increase from £125,000 each to £500,000 each the grant towards expenses incurred by "Britain in Europe" and the "National Referendum Campaign" towards the expenses incurred by them or organizations affiliated to them for the purpose o fthe referendum.

He said there were not only the gigantic sums contributed by business which were not to be disclosed to the people; the European Movement had another ally in the Commission. It was becoming like Saigon. There was a continual airlift to Brussels for people to be feted and wined. This was verging on corruption.

The Government should bring in emergency legislation insisting that all donations should be made public, that the European Movement should withdraw its circular seeking donations and warned of the consequences if they did not, and the 1,500 major companies concerned told that their donations would not necessarily be free of tax.

They had reached a scandalous situation.

MR MARTEN (Banbury, C) said that some of his constituents had been offered flights to Brussels and a flight back for a price of £5 which bore no relation to the cost. This was becoming near to buying votes in the referendum and could be construed, if it were a general election, as corrupt practices.

MR EMERY (Honiton, C) said the trade union movement were going to make donations in support of the campaign to take Britain out of the Common ket.

He and large numbers of pe in Britain were against the pe ple overall and therefore would even more against increases in amounts suggested.

MR WILLIAM HAMIL (Central Fife, Lab) said he had the amendment down becaus had thought of a number, ju the Government had thought number. (Laughter.) He pu down to emphasize the absu of the whole exercise. He well have put £1m down.

How did the Government a at the figure of £125,000? Why is not £100,000? Whom did consult? Did they consult National Front?

The purpose of his amend was to show the arbitrarine the £125,000 and the lack of trol over how it was used.

Rough justice in electoral system: peers from all sides seek reform

House of Lords

LORD ALPORT (C) called attention to the desirability of inviting a Speaker's Conference to examine and recommend the form of proportional representation best suited to maintaining the traditional independence of a Member of Parliament as the representative of a territorial constituency and to providing a more equitable distribution of party representation in Parliament.

He said that proportional representation had been regarded for many years as either the private reserve of the Liberal Party or as a happy hunting ground for constitutional theorists. It had now become in the minds of many people in Parliament and outside a major political issue.

The authority of Parliament and the respect for it had been dangerously eroded during the past decade. The economic health of Britain depended on its political health, and the political health depended on the degree to which the mass of the people and the groups into which they organized themselves were prepared to recognize the authority of free institutions such as Parliament.

They would only do so if they were persuaded that those institutions fairly represented their cherished values and profound aspirations. He did not think that was true of Parliament today.

Remedy

LORD AVEBURY (L) said it was always said in the past that the British system ensured a strong stable government. In 1964, however, and in February last year, Mr Wilson became Prime Minister with a majority too small to sustain the Government for the full parliamentary term.

Small parties were gaining toeholds in Parliament, which was all part of a phenomenon which the system was intended to avoid.

The remedy for those defects was obviously the single transferable vote and the multi-member constituency, as practised by the Republic of Ireland.

The EARL of MANSFIELD, for the Opposition, said in the October election last year it took 36,000 votes to elect a Labour MP; 38,000 votes to elect a Conservative; and 411,000 votes to elect a Liberal.

Figures such as those showed there was at least a need to examine the present method.

No party had had an overall majority of votes since 1935, so it followed that since the war there would have been under proportional representation a series of coalition or minority Governments. Presumably the Liberal Party would have been engaged in a series of horse deals as a result of which there would have been a coalition with one or other of the two main parties.

There might have been a proliferation of smaller parties, with a possibly divisive effect on the body politic and the nation. The power which the present system gave to the electorate to chose a government directly instead of a government brought into being through one or more deals would have been much less.

LORD CHALFONT (Ind) said that the present system had major defects. It tended to create large monolithic parties with narrow power bases. The present Government sat in office on a vote of 25 per cent of those who were entitled to vote. That must indicate an urgent need to examine the possibilities of electoral reform.

There was a new and dangerous situation emerging. There was being seen an erosion of the power of the legislature, and a diminution of the power of Parliament. There was a gradual flow of power away from the elected representatives into the hands of extra-parliamentary institutions.

Power was passing into organized labour, into the hands of the trade unions, and a great deal was beginning to pass into the hands of the multinational industrial corporations. That was a dangerous tendency in a parliamentary democracy.

One or both of the major political parties should commit itself openly to the principle of electoral reform and to the introduction of some form of proportional representation.

LORD O'NEILL of the MAINE said that policies were being carried out for which the majority of the British people did not vote. Some form of proportional representation, he would hope, would give the moderates a greater chance of success.

If we continue with the present system (he said) the moderates in the Conservative Party and the social democrats in the Labour Party will be slowly squeezed out, and we shall face the possibility of having either a left wing or a right wing dictatorship.

LORD ORR-EWING said if Britain did not have a coalition or amalgam as a result of proportional representation then it would slide inexorably into more serious trouble.

Stability

I believe (he said) we are coming to the stage where the choice may be between a loose coalition of political parties or a neo-communist government.

The EARL of DUNDEE (C) said there was probably greater stability in having continuous representation in one Parliament after another of the 95 or 96 per cent of the electors who voted the same way every time rather than in a continuously changing Government brought about by the swing of 2 or 3 per cent of the voters.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, said he would be surprised if there were not a general wish that a Speaker's conference on electoral reform should be reconvened as soon as could be conveniently arranged once the referendum was out of the way.

Under the present system the electorate, although voting for an individual candidate in a particular constituency, knew they were in effect electing a government to carry out a particular political programme. Clearly the result of some form of proportional representation might mean that a government would necessarily consist of a coalition of MPs formed after a general election.

Under such a system the electorate could not know at the time of the election the programme or policies which such a coalition might follow.

If a government lost the confidence of the country there might be difficulties in the subsequent general election for the electorate to express their views and votes effectively.

Straightforward

The Liberal Party considered that it was unfair that the five million votes they received at the October election should have produced only 13 members. On the other hand, the present system was simple, rapid in operation and straightforward in the result.

The present one-member constituencies provided a certain diversity of representation, but the system clearly had an element of rough justice.

If there were to be no increase in the total number of MPs returned to the Commons, such a system would require larger constituencies than at present because something like a third of the total number of seats would have to be reserved for the allocation process at the conclusion of the election.

Important aspects of the traditional system of representation were the link between an MP and his constituency and the effect of the system on the election of a government.

It had been a matter of pride that an MP should represent all the electors in his constituency, both those who voted for him and those who did not. There would need to be careful thought given to any proposal that would break that link.

Child resistant bottles for some tablets to be compulsory

MR JANNER (Leicester, West, Lab) asked for a statement on the Medicine Commission's report *Presentation of Medicines in Relation to Child Safety*.

DR DAVID OWEN, Minister of State for Health, in a written reply, said comments received on the commission's report claimed that it would take at least two or three years from now to extend the use of suitable unit packaging to all medicines containing ingredients in the commission's priority list. The necessary packaging machinery would have to be obtained from abroad and installed, and time allowed so that output was not interrupted.

Some firms in Britain (he continued) already have manufacturing capacity for reclosable containers that are claimed to have passed the American test, or the test proposed in the British Standards Institution draft for development for reclosable containers. In the United States as reclosable containers of limited size have come into wider use for aspirin there appears to have been a reduction in the incidence of suspected poisoning of young children attributed to this product; but other factors, such as the publicity campaigns that also took place, may also have contributed to this result.

In these circumstances the Government think it right to introduce limited measures that can be put into effect without waiting for two or three years to implement the full range of the commission's recommendations and will encourage appropriate types of reclosable containers to be used.

Discussions are being initiated with the British Standards Institution with regard to a modification in relation to the test for reclosable containers, and the possibility of designing suitable specifications or tests for materials for unit packaging, and how soon these could be published.

Representatives of the pharmaceutical profession and of dispensing doctors are being consulted on the implications for them of introducing a requirement to use dark tinted child-resistant containers when dispensing for children preparations of aspirin and paracetamol which are not in unit-packaging. This could be done either through regulations under the Medicines Act 1968 or, in addition to such regulations, by amending National Health Service terms of service for the provision of pharmaceutical services, together with guidance to health authorities in relation to hospital out patients.

Urgent steps will be taken by means of statutory instruments under the Medicines Act 1968 to secure that, if possible, by January 1, 1976, the preparations of aspirin and paracetamol for children, which the commission's report indicated as the product mainly giving rise to suspected poisoning of young children, shall be sold in suitable opaque or dark tinted unit-packaging or in child resistant reclosable containers that meet the requirements of the British Standards Institution draft for development modified to reduce the extent of testing by young children.

Such preparations specially promoted for children should be put up for retail sale with not more than 25 tablets per pack or container and with a maximum ingredient strength of 90 milligrams for aspirin and 150 milligrams for paracetamol.

The firms holding product licences for these products are being approached to see whether this result can be achieved earlier. Some brands are already in unit-packaging. The incidence of suspected poisoning from these products is however not so great as to justify the withdrawal of existing stocks from wholesalers or retail outlets.

For other medicinal products, it is proposed subject to consultation to secure by means of statutory instruments under the Medicines Act that by January 1, 1977 all tablets, capsules and pills containing aspirin (except effervescent tablets containing not more than 25 per cent aspirin) or paracetamol, and, as soon as possible thereafter, those containing tricyclic antidepressant drugs, barbiturates, and phenothiazine derivatives, and such preparations of iron salts containing more than 24 milligrams of elemental iron per dosage-unit, shall, subject to some exceptions, be sold or supplied only in opaque or dark tinted child resistar closable containers that mee modified requirements of the ish Standards Institution dra development, or else in opaq dark tinted unit-packaging ma materials that meet the a priate specification or test.

To meet the exceptional provision would be made for plying conventional containe adults who would experience culty with the special type packaging.

The representatives of the maceutical profession and of pensing doctors, as well as consulted on this proposal also being invited to commen use of child resistant recloa containers for dispensed medi on the priority list on a volu basis as soon as possible, su to agreement on the detailed a gements to be discussed with t The Health Education Co has already sponsored tog with the Proprietory Associ of Great Britain a publicity paign to bring home to the p the importance of keeping cines safely.

26 women have children with them in jail

DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under Secretary, Home Office, in a written reply, said: Of the 26 women and girls who have their babies with them in custody, eight are aged under 21, 13 are aged between 21 and 30, and five are aged over 30.

Their principal offences were theft (12), burglary (three), illegal importation of drugs (three), soliciting (three), manslaughter (one), malicious wounding (one), perjury (one) and unlawful possession of drugs (one), and one woman is charged with murder.

There are no facilities for children over the age of four, but most mothers complete their sentences before the child reaches that age. No children were sent out of prison without their mothers in 1974.

Ten of these 26 mothers have no other children, two have one other child, 10 have two other children, two have three, one has five and one has eight. These other children are being cared for by their fathers, grandparents, friends of the mother, foster parents, or in children's homes.

Concern on Dundee's 'trial by television': Mr Ross refers to dangerous practice

MR GORDON WILSON (Dundee, East, Scot Nat) said during questions to the Secretary of State for Scotland: There is concern about the revelations in the *World In Action* programme, *Dundee Dossier*, on television last week. The anxiety is shared by many citizens in Dundee, regardless of political affiliation.

The revelations and allegations suggest that there are problems of principle and practice in the conduct of local affairs in Dundee that require urgent examination.

The fact that Dundee Corporation will soon cease to operate and will be replaced by a district council—and in view of the practices suggested—will not necessarily dissipate the anxieties caused. I ask him to set up immediately an inquiry into this whole affair.

MR WILLIAM ROSS, Secretary of State for Scotland (Kilmarnock, Lab)—When he talks about "this whole affair", it is a rather vague phrase. He, as a lawyer, will appreciate that the Secretary of State only acts in accordance with the statutory powers.

My statutory powers in relation to inquiries relate either to operational determinations as required by legislation relating to the statutory powers and the functions of the local authorities, and the question of whether a local authority is in default of those statutory powers.

There is no statutory power to order an inquiry into the actions, attitudes, morals, ethics or anything else of an individual councillor. Investigations into allegations of crime and criminal proceedings resulting from them are not a matter for the Secretary of State. Mr Wilson should know better.

MR DOIG (Dundee, West, Lab)—This programme amounted to trial by television. This type of programme does not contain the normal safeguards that we have for justice in a proper court of trial procedure.

Therefore, the Secretary of State ought to look at this type of programme in order to see what can be done to prevent what is an abuse of justice.

MR ROSS—It is a dangerous practice. I share the concern about the nature of this. If anyone, and this includes BBC people, has any information in relation to this kind of thing, they should not sensationalize it in this way but send it to the Procurator Fiscal or the police.

MR BUCHANAN-SMITH (North Angus and Mearns, C)—Regardless of the merits of the programme, this matter has raised considerable concern in Dundee and the Tayside region. The new structure of local government needs to get off to a good start and have the respect and support of ratepayers and others in the area.

Would he look at the whole matter closely? Apart from any legal aspect, if a public inquiry is necessary can we have an assurance that he will deal with this carefully?

MR ROSS—I have looked at this carefully but the Secretary of State can only act within his statutory powers.

Seeing justice in complaints against police

MR KILROY-SILK (Orms Lab) was given leave to intro the Police (Amendment) Bi make further provision for t dies and complaints against police.

He said that at present plaints against police officers investigated by officers another force. That was unsati tory. His Bill sought the intro tion of an independent ele into the procedure for han such complaints.

A complaint would be ref to a single member of the com sion to be set up. He would d whether it raised matters of a stantial nature and, if he decid did, refer it to the commis who would have power to call nesses and for documents an hold hearings in public.

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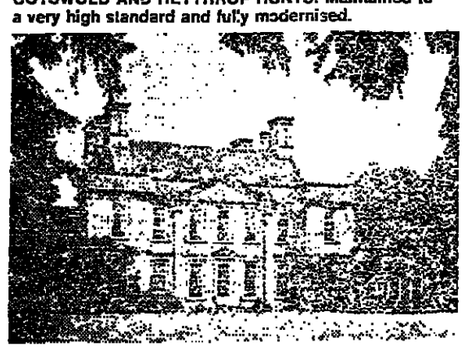

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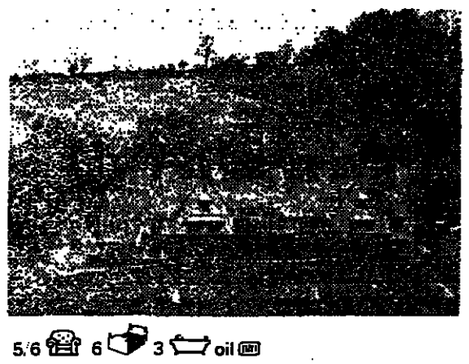

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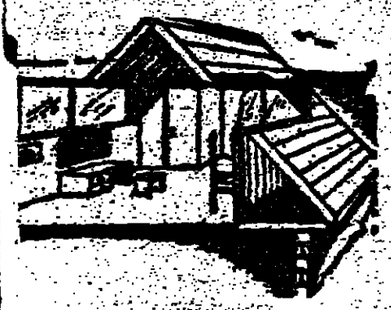

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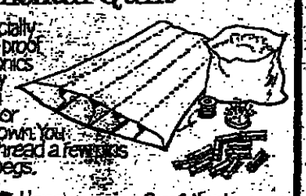

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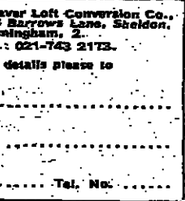

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Despite the forecasts of easier mortgages the trend towards home improvement seems to be continuing unabated. A vast range of items, which scarcely needs description, is available to the family which, often for educational and social reasons, prefers not to move. A new kitchen range, better heating, new carpets in the lounge—all these improvements and additions to a familiar home can be as much a tonic to the family which wishes for a better quality of life as a new home. The expenses of moving are also saved.

A wide range of grants, on which the local town hall will advise, is also available to the family whose home falls short of minimum standards. But careful research needs to go into home improvement before it is embarked upon, particularly if the family is considering moving shortly after implementing it. Basically, home improvement and conversion are best suited to the family which wants to stay put and enjoy them. The home improver should remember that the work he carries out or engages someone else to do will not necessarily be to his financial advantage. Often the outlay will not be reflected in the resale price and if he wants to improve a house with a view to selling quickly then he is advised before he embarks on any scheme to contact an estate agent who should be able to tell him whether the cost of improvements will be recouped. The estate agent should be persuaded to do this without charge because he will expect a commission on the sale of the house. What will and what will not constitute an economically sensible improvement is difficult to generalize upon, but the advice of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers is to remember that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

A popular improvement is the addition of a room at ground level which at about 150 sq ft is likely to cost between £2,250 and £3,000. Will this expenditure be recouped? Probably not if it does not blend well with the rest of the house, or if the house is pre-war and not particularly attractive. The same can apply to the erection of a £1,000 single brick garage (cheaper if it is pre-fabricated) and to a roof conversion which will on average lighten the home improver's bank balance by between £2,500 and £3,000.

It is important to remember that many lofts and attics do not lend themselves well to conversion and, in terms of adding value to a property, the prospective improver should ask himself whether reasonable access is provided to it. Regulations on access have to be adhered to and if the improver is obliged, for instance, to provide it through an existing bedroom then the original intention may be lost. Equally the addition of a fourth bedroom may prove to be financially unsound if access can only be provided through an existing bedroom.

These warnings, however, should not deter anyone who for one reason or another does not want to move home and can delight in the better quality of life he can create for himself at home. To benefit fully from expenditure on home improvements the householder will often do best by remaining in the house for a period long enough to enjoy what he has paid for. This goes not only for the major improvements but for many of the minor ones too, such as insulation against heat loss through roof lining, cavity walls and double glazing, the expenditure on which might not be totally recouped but which will make significant savings in fuel bills.

The best advice to the man who wants to sell his house is basically to keep it in good repair and not to embark on redecoration immediately before sale. He should put himself in the shoes of a prospective buyer who may not have the same taste as he and will not like a colour scheme even if it did cost £1,000. The seller should remember, too, that what is a tasteful minor improvement to him might not be to a buyer. There is no point in putting up expensive bookshelves in a recess where the buyer would prefer an armchair.

Another warning to the home improver—he must remember that he, and not the builder, is responsible for acquiring planning consent for every improvement that involves the structure of a house. This includes things from the erection of porches to the demolition of interior walls. Reputable builders will of course not only tell you about this, but draw up plans for you to submit to a local authority. But the story may be different if you engage the local "handyman" who either doesn't know or doesn't want to know about planning permission. That delightful porch he's built cheaply for you might have to come down if you have not acquired permission.

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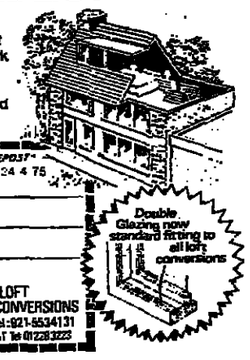

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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of GORDON ANTIQUES Limited Nature of Business: Dealers in antiques.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 10th March 1975.
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GOODMAN SHARP Limited and the Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76, New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH on Thursday, 1st May, 1975, at 12.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 11th day of April, 1975.
L. G. MALOCK,
Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

Re: CARAPANAYOTI TRADING CO. Ltd, and the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 13 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AL on Friday, the 2nd day of May, 1975, at 12 o'clock midday for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
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X. B. CARAPANAYOTI
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of MARY-MONT SEPARATES Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in clothing.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 24th March 1975.
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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1967. KATES COUTURE Limited.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of SKYBLUE LONDON FASHIONS Limited Nature of Business: Clothing wholesalers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 17 March 1975.
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In the Matter of TITAN CARS Ltd.
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LEGAL NOTICES

HARPERS MUSIC Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948
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GEORGE ALFRED WALE,
Certified Accountant.
Dated this 10th day of April, 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 in the Matter of SCRIPT AND PLAY PRODUCTIONS Limited Nature of Business: Producers and Agents for Films.
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 24th March 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 7th May 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct, London. EC1N 2HD at 10.15 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.45 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Re: SMITHS JIG & TOOL COMPANY Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.
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Chartered Accountant.

LEGAL NOTICES

No: 001201 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division. Companies Court. In the Matter of G. T. WHITE INTERNATIONAL Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 15th day of April 1975 presented to the said Court by Boardrex Properties Limited whose registered office is at Pinners Hall, Austin Friars, London, E.C.4, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2 on the 13th day of May 1975. And any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose. And a copy of the said Petition will be furnished by the Undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Ronald Butt

Abortion: Let the whole truth be heard

The Select Committee of the House of Commons which is considering the Abortion (Amendment) Bill is now taking evidence, despite the bitter objections of a determined lobby to this particular mode of parliamentary inquiry and to the committee's balanced composition. The reason for the objections is, of course, that a select committee can range much wider than the Bill before it, as an ordinary standing committee on a Bill could not. The device of the select committees, constructively used in the nineteenth century to examine social topics of public concern, will be able to take evidence on how the present law is working and consider generally what abuses there are and whether there is a case for reform.

This should mean hearing and testing all available evidence. But this, apparently, is not how the pro-abortion extremists see the committee's functions. They appear to want nothing to happen that might shake confidence in the way the law is working and their concern on this score is palpable.

I recently drew attention to some appalling allegations made in a book called *Babies for Burning* about the working of the abortion law, the conduct of private agencies (charitable and commercial) and of certain doctors working in this field. Much of the material in the book had appeared in articles in the *News of the World* over a year earlier. There can be no doubt that the book makes a prima facie case which the select committee ought to examine.

However, in an article in *The Sunday Times* certain allegations have since been made concerning the credentials of one of the authors, Mr Michael Litchfield, and some of the claims made in the book. These are allegations which could only be answered by the authors themselves and, in any case, there is apparently a possibility of legal action arising. But whatever conclusions eventually emerge in respect of the specific questions in *The Sunday Times* article, this in no way removes the need for an investigation by the select committee of the much wider issues raised by the book, about the working of the abortion law. Indeed, such investigation is now more than ever necessary.

There apparently exists many hours of evidence on tape concerning a considerable number of named people and organizations. Some of this has already been heard by several people, including an MP. The fact that the tapes exist at all, which nobody disputes, is surely reason enough for the Select Committee to hear them.

Yet, astonishingly, the undoubtedly important allegations in *The Sunday Times* in respect of one of the authors personally, and of parts of the book have been seized on by the abortion extremists as grounds for demanding that the book as a whole (and presumably also the *News of the World* article ?) should be ruled out of consideration. Immediately *The Sunday Times* article appeared, Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, MP, was reported as having written asking the select committee, "to preclude this book from any serious consideration in the light of these allegations."

On April 10, Mrs Renée Short wrathfully demanded of the leader of the House of Commons, Mr Edward Short, that he should "disband the select committee which is examining the Abortion (Amendment) Bill as it has been demonstrated to be based on a fraud and is being investigated by the Director of Public Prosecutions". Each of Mrs Short's assertions was incorrect.

First, despite the particular charges now raised about the book, the basis of the book has not been demonstrated to be a "fraud." Indeed, *The Sunday Times* article, even while suggesting that it should be read with scepticism, described it as having a "core of truth". And it is certainly hard to believe that the parts which had appeared in the *News of the World* (they were the most significant parts) were never sifted to ensure against "fraud".

Further in considering whether the book, for all its shortcomings, makes a prima facie case for examination (and I have gone no farther than this) it would be wise to take into account a long review which appeared, before mine, by Mr Jerry Cowhig, the editor of the *General Practitioner*, in that paper on November 29, 1974, under the heading: A Book that Can't be Ignored.

While critical of the general tone and scope of the book, Mr Cowhig (whose own position towards the present abortion law is generally, I understand, favourable) insisted that its charges must be tested and that "if 10 lines of this are true, then the abortion control office of the Department of Health should be shaken up". He concluded: ". . . one must say that, however cynical one is of exposés, too much of the Litchfield-Kentish book rings true to anyone who has met practising abortionists."

As for Mrs Short's second point, she was also not accurate in saying that the book as such is being investigated by the DPP, with the apparent implication that it is being investigated as a "fraud." What I understand the DPP to be examining are certain sections of the book which, if they are correct, reveal abuses of a potentially criminal nature.

Finally there was Mrs Short's statement that Mr White's Bill and the select committee were based on the book. Mr Edward Short dismissed this in these terms: "It is not based on a book at all. It is a very appropriate way in which to examine this matter." So it is—and I am personally assured by Mr White that his Bill, which would put an end to personal convenience abortions, was devised well before he had ever heard of this particular book.

Indignation at the idea that the book should be investigated has also bubbled up in the Lords. Lord Houghton, whose wife, Lady Houghton, has long been active in the pro-abortion movement rose last week to ask the Home Office minister about the DPP's inquiries and *The Sunday Times* article. He launched into a bitter attack on the book, partly on the grounds that it has been obtained by "the most reprehensible means of concealed tapes. . . ". Well, short work would have been made of the authors were there no taped evidence, and there can be no automatic ethical objection to the use of concealed cameras (as in some television investigations) or tapes as witness in investigating a relationship between members of the public and those offering them a professional or commercial service, where no other witness to possible abuse is available. This is something quite different from taping private conversation.

Lord Houghton suggested that the select committee be "on its guard against relying on evidence in this squalid book" but nobody would suggest that it should rely on evidence in the book. What is needed is that it should test the validity of taped evidence.

A number of enraged people are proposing that this evidence be not heard. Why, and what are they afraid of? One would suppose that if they were confident that the whole book did not stand up, they would be only too glad to have this shown up by a proper examination of it. Apparently they are not.

The scope of the select committee is much wider than the Bill. The public is entitled to know what have been the consequences of an Act which has had effects not intended by many who voted for it. One is abortion on demand. Another is the growth of an abortion industry worth at least £10m a year. A third is abortion without proper counselling. The relevance of *Babies for Burning* is its claim to offer specific evidence of such abuses as the diagnosis of false pregnancies, even after internal medical examination; the widespread practice of illegal abortion on demand; the custom of asking girls for cash payments; and unwarranted assurances that abortion has no physiological consequences. It also alleges that some babies are not "terminated" in order that they can be sold for adoption. True or false?

The case for exposing and removing corruption and lawbreaking is surely one from which nobody can honourably dissent. The moral case against abortion, except where there is a genuine risk to the health or life of the mother, is also an honourable one, though I do not expect all to share it. Neither case depends on fraudulent evidence and if any evidence is fraudulent, let that fact be known. But let it not be said that evidence is fraudulent unless and until it is proved to be so.

Modern Lourenço Marques highlights Mozambique's dilem over sanctions against Rhodesia.

Commonwealth may win it diplomatic spurs from European connexion

Some challenging decisions face the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers which opens next Tuesday in Jamaica. The imminence of Britain's vote on the European Community, though that colours the occasion, is not the dominant theme. It is rather that this time the Commonwealth countries have the opportunity to make a mark on international diplomacy, which could prove of lasting value.

As far as the European connexion is concerned, Commonwealth countries as a whole have made it pretty clear that they hope Britain stays in. Their reasons—while accepting, of course, that the final decision is up to the British people—is that inside the Community Britain can exercise great influence on their behalf, can be a friend at court.

So if Britain votes to leave the Community, it will not, paradoxically enough, strengthen the Commonwealth. The result will be that Britain's importance will be reduced in Commonwealth eyes simply because we shall not have any say in Brussels.

No one sees the Commonwealth as an "alternative" to the Community, as Mr Arnold Smith, the Commonwealth Secretary-General has underlined. Nor has anyone plans for building it up, for it is obvious that such a disparate group of countries, 34 in all, could not form any kind of cohesive block. Britain's value as a member is in direct proportion to our political and economic strength.

In essence, Britain is no longer the hub, but one of the spokes of the Commonwealth; which is not to say that we cannot achieve a good deal. Indeed it is just because the Commonwealth represents such a mixed bag of countries that progress in those areas which depend on cooperation between black and white, rich and poor, north and south, is possible.

Notable among such places is Rhodesia. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers will have before them a report by the sanctions committee recommending stronger measures against Rhodesia.

The most interesting aspect of this campaign is the suggestion—it is at present no more than that—that Commonwealth countries should consider mobilizing international aid to help compensate Mozambique for closing its ports and railway links to Rhodesia.

The change in Southern Africa, in consequence of Portuguese overseas territories gaining their independence, as the sanctions committee notes, is nowhere more important than in Mozambique. Although Rhodesia has kept quiet about its trade through Mozambique, the report estimates that about 80 per cent of Rhodes exports have been shipped the past through Beira Lourenco Marques, with fa documentation arranged by former Portuguese authoritie

But how can Mozambi afford to shut down these lets to Rhodesia? Mr Joaq Alberto Chissano, Prime Mi ter of the transitional gov ment of Mozambique, expressed his support for Zimbabwean people's strug in Rhodesia. But, no doubt understandable reasons, support had to be qualified.

"Mozambique is a coun of principled people", he s in a report in the Mozambic paper *Tribune*. "Beside us countries ruled by wh minorities. Inevitably, we have relations with th through our ports, railwa and highways.

Recognizing the kind dilemma which Mozambi faces, the Commonwealth sa tions committee has suggest that the economic burdens applying sanctions might lightened for the Freli leaders by assistance from t world community, through t United Nations.

The Commonwealth its cannot organize this assistan But its members, if they agr next week that such a p gramme would be desirab could act to mobilize supp in the United Nations, and g that body a clear-cut objecti The costs, on rough estimat that up to a quarter of Moza bique's total foreign exchan earnings of £180m in 19 came from Rhodesian traff would not be enormous.

International trade another sphere where a Co monwealth initiative cou have a wide and lasting i pact, notably in commoditi It has proved notoriously dif cult to make commodity agr ments workable, and nearly past efforts have founder Despite this, the feeling growing that this year, desp America's preoccupations w south-east Asia and Britai with Europe, a new advar could be tried.

Britain, among others, been giving this subj renewed attention recent and a number of schemes under review to improve tr in commodities. It is m than an economic problem it is more than a north-so confrontation.

Ultimately it is a politi question, which if it is handled more sympathetic and more sensibly will soo or later cause the econo system to break down, and the end threaten to wreck United Nations. The Comm wealth is just the kind organization that could giv modest lead.

David Span
Diplomatic Correspond

The agony and the irony of being Kurdish in 1975

It's hard to be born a Kurd. Kurds are close enough to Europe to have been early influenced by ideas of nationalism; they may even be educated enough to have heard of all those pious phrases issued by the United Nations. The Kurds, though, have the wrong sort of colonialists. It is their colonizers who sit on the decolonization committees and who decide to whom the pious phrases apply.

During 13 years of war between the Kurds and the Iraqi government, the United Nations kept silent, preferring to pass over the matter in silence rather than disturb the equilibrium and the strident verbiage of the Iraqi, Syrian, Turkish Iranian or Soviet delegates. It's not fashionable to be killed by third world governments. The Kurds have chosen the wrong sort of oppressors.

It's confusing to be born a Kurd. If you are born in Turkey—the most likely, statistically speaking—you are told that you are a Turk, not quite a proper Turk, a "mountain Turk". Culturally and racially you must be part of the great Turkish Nation. You are actively discouraged from wearing Kurdish clothes, speaking Kurdish or reading Kurdish. There is a strong folk culture in Turkey and that culture is Turkish, not Kurdish. It's embarrassing to the Turks that the Turkish and Kurdish languages are not in any way similar. It's better not to be born a Kurd in Turkey.

If you are born a Kurd in Iran—the next most likely statistically speaking—then you can be proud of being an Aryan. Your ruler, the Shah, glories in the title of "light of the Aryans". You may keep you own language and have your own radio stations. The Iranians approve of Kurdish because, as they say, it's like Persian, their own language. In this case, the scholars agree.

It's best not to inquire too closely into the policies of the "light of the Aryans". At one moment the Kurdish leader in Iraq was the "lion of the Aryans" and the next moment he was a refugee. The "light of the Aryans" had sold the fate of the Kurds in Iraq, whom he had been supplying with massive military equipment, for his legal rights over five miles of half a waterway. If you are a Kurd in Iran, it's best to enjoy the benefits of the oil boom and become a contented part of that happy Empire.

If you are born in Iraq or Syria, then it's best to be born Arab. Both these governments take their Arab nationalism seriously. Of the two it's better to be an Iraqi than a Syrian Kurd. There has been a lengthy civil war in Iraq so the government knows that as a Kurd you have been troublesome and might become so again. During the war you were granted what was called an "autonomous region". It may not have any power, its members may all be chosen by the government in Baghdad, but still your existence as a Kurd is officially recognized. You can send your children to Kurdish schools, even to a Kurdish university.

In Syria, there are none of these blessings. There, the Kurds live in the desert and not in mountain strongholds, or did until the government discovered they were too close to its national borders. Then it dispersed them forcibly, to keep the borders of the Syrian Arab Republic as Arab as its title.

A Kurd born in the Soviet Union is just plain lucky. There aren't enough Kurds to be any sort of threat. There are just enough of them to be worth studying. The Kurds get the benefit of the liberal Soviet policy towards minority cultures. In three Soviet Universities there is a subject called "Kurdology".

Another advantage of being a Kurd in the Soviet Union is that you can know exactly how many of you there are—89,000 in 1970. If you are in Turkey, you are indeed counted but as a strange statistical anomaly. The number of Kurdish speakers there has been *sharply declining*, while according to official figures, the population has been rising. What's more, the areas where you are most likely to be born a Kurd in Turkey are precisely those areas where the population has been rising the fastest, as is usual in places where the central government does not bother to build roads or establish factories. In Syria, Iraq and Iran, there is no separate count of Kurdish population.

The plight of the Kurds has been described in a report by that virtuous organization, the Minority Right Group, in its report *The Kurds* (Martin Short and Anthony McDermott, Minority Rights Group Report No 23 at 45p.

It is a pity that the authors of the report did not have more first hand experience of the Kurds and the Kurdish war which they set out to explain but they succeed, in 30 pages, in giving a bird's-eye view of the awfulness of being a Kurd. The report came out too early to cover the debacle that followed from the agreement between Iran and Iraq in March. The authors of the report, like everybody else, failed to foresee that with the end of the Shah's support the war in Iraq would collapse.

Nobody outside Iraq knows what is happening there now that the fighting is over. There were 200,000 people in the Badinan region, all desperately short of food, waiting for the Iraqi army to "liberate" them. According to the Iraqi News Agency, they have been welcoming the army with open arms. As at least half these people had suffered considerable deprivation in order to escape that same army a few months before, a certain cynicism must greet the news agency announcements.

These days, when remote islands of tiny populations are being decolonialized, when national rights are taken for granted, it is hard for the Kurds to accept that the chances of an independent Kurdistan are less now than they were in 1918. There are enough of them—some 10 million—to make a sizeable country. But unless there is some remarkable turn in Middle East politics, it seems unlikely that the four countries *who have divided Kurdistan* between them can ever let it join up again.

Nationalism is all very well and good for those with a chance of achieving their ends. For those without a chance, it is a political altar on which many lives can be sacrificed and nothing achieved.

Andrew Murray

Paying lip-service to reality in the name of a myth

Bernard Levin

If it is of any comfort to those campaigning (with the increased stridency that betokens a growing suspicion on their part that they are going to be not merely beaten, but very heavily beaten) for Britain to leave the garlic-laden, sausage-infested, Gauloise-impregnated, tagliatelle-soaked, clog-strewn, lager-ridden European Economic Community, yesterday's news from the other side of the Channel suggests that, even if Britain should stay in, it may be a considerable time before hordes of savage wops, krouts, frogs and other such savages are roaming the streets and hills of Britain spreading pillage, rapine and the Continental Sunday wherever they go. The news I refer to is the report, prepared under the auspices of the EEC Commission called *Economic and Monetary Union 1980*, the general conclusion of which is that there isn't going to be any Economic and Monetary Union by 1980, or for a very long time thereafter, or, in all probability, at all.

Now for those who believe, as I do, that one day the nations of the Economic Community, and perhaps others, should form a United States of Europe, and who even dream, as I do, that such a development may take place within the lifetime of some now living, the determined realism of the report is, though inevitable and commendable, saddening. For it suggests strongly that, where governments are concerned, cowardice, folly and hypocrisy are forces more powerful and more plentiful than courage, wisdom, vision and a true understanding of their peoples' interests.

From the time of the foundation of the EEC, and indeed from the foundation of the precursor Iron and Steel Community and the attempt at a European Defence Force, there has always been a clear understanding that Europe would move step-by-step towards real union. The Common Agricultural Policy was, of course, one such step; the customs union another. The next was to be a genuine economic union with a common currency. Unfortunately, the step in question seems to have been overtaken by the onset of catatonia. The member-states (then six) of the EEC decided to move towards Economic and Monetary Union (with the target-date of 1980) in 1969. Since then, the report declares, "if there has been any movement, it has been backward". And the reason is that the member governments have tended to "lose their nerve, each one doing its best to find its own way out of trouble".

What makes the whole business even more wretched is the fact that there is no reason to suppose that the original commitment to economic and monetary union was taken seriously by the governments making it, or that it was meant to be taken seriously by the citizens of their countries. It was taken without the signatories bothering to inquire what it entailed or even to decide what exactly their ultimate aim was. The commitment was to the words, not to the reality, and the political—essentially political—will to implement it was almost entirely lacking, and still is. Indeed, the *rapporteur*, M Marjolin, went a good deal further, saying: "The co-ordination of national policies is a pious wish which is hardly ever achieved in practice".

This would be all very well if what is happening, or rather not happening, were based on national selfishness, with each country determined to cling to its own advantage and to make no sacrifice for the common good. The truth, however, is that, even on the most materialistic construction, the betrayal of the commitment to union can only work to the disadvantage of the entire community and everybody in it. The ninefold duplication of almost every kind of economic activity and responsibility contains an immeasurable amount of waste of productive resources that could be gainfully employed, and the waste achieves nothing at all, except to relieve those in a position to take the choice *and implement it of the necessity* of committing anything but their mouths. As M Marjolin put it, either the member governments of the EEC should make a major political effort to achieve the economic and monetary union to which they are formally pledged, or they should stop talking about it. Or, as Herr Scheel put it, speaking in Paris as the report was being promulgated in Brussels: "We cannot wait for European union to fall into our laps one day like a ripe fruit. Therefore, Europe must give herself the institutions and the necessary competence to be able to act, and must do so without delay. She needs a clear constitution which serves as basis for common foreign, economic and defence policy. . . . Only a political will is required; and it only needs democratic sanctions."

And at this moment, when every possible effort is needed to compel the governments of the nations of the EEC to put the bones of reality into the flabby flesh of casual commitment, there are people campaigning in Britain for Britain not merely to refuse her share of the necessary effort, but to run away from the whole enterprise. *Nine* nations are being ruinously hampered by their inability to act collectively for their collective good, and in Britain there are advocates of a policy of complete withdrawal by *one* from the policy of even wanting to make such collective effort! *Nine* are faced with the truth that they cannot live by hot air alone; but some insist that *one* can! *Nine* are failing to realize their full economic potential because of their fear of abandoning a particle of a largely mythical "sovereignty", and some (among whom are many who in any case desire for Britain a degree of sovereignty identical to that possessed by Czechoslovakia) maintain that *one* can prosper while clinging to that very myth!

There will be more—much more, alas—to say about the battle for Britain before the referendum campaign ends. In particular there will be a good deal to say about those in the out camp who pretend to believe that Britain can survive and prosper outside the Community precisely because they are certain that she cannot, and because they do not wish her to. But today it seemed worth simply drawing a melancholy conclusion from melancholy evidence, and examining the implications of a report which makes it clear beyond serious argument that what the governments of the member states of the EEC need, and—considerably more important—the peoples of those states need, is less sovereignty rather than more.

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The Times Diary

Workers ignore Healey's pleading

The Chancellor in his Budget speech was just the first of numerous for the Government and for industry calling on the workers to restrain wage demands in the national interest. Have these repeated appeals had any effect? Ray Perman has been finding out at the annual conference of the National Committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers at Blackpool. He reports:

There are few better places to discover whether the fresh appeals for restraint are having any greater effect than previous ones. All the 52 committee members are directly involved, as shop steward or convener, in recurrent pay negotiations. They are a hard-bitten bunch, proud of their power in a union which Reg Birch, the Maoist executive member, called "the most noble piece of democratic centralism ever addressed to a working class".

Jimmy Reid and Jimmy Airlie, co-leaders of the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders work-in, are delegates for the Clydeside area. On Monday night Reid was holding court in a bar with reporters and complaining that the rising cost of living had forced his wife to take a part-time job.

According to Reid, workers do not accept that their pay increases cause inflation. Men in the shipyards were sitting down and working out that the Budget would cost them an extra £6 to £8 a week, as soon as food subsidies ended and with the rent freeze off.

"The lads get to work and they say (here he clapped his hands and rubbed them together and thickened his already broad Glasgow accent) 'Right, when's the negotiations startin'.' And there's talking about figures which a few years ago would have been the mouthings of the lunatic left." Reid's attitude to the social contract, in the oilrig building yard where he negotiates, is one of contempt: "If they mention it, I just say 'Put it away'."

Jim Griffin, a convener at the Triumph factory at Coventry, is one of the chief spokesmen for the moderates but has been less than moderate in some of his speeches this week. He thought Mr Healey's Budget was terrible. "The next day on the shopfloor the comments were awful and the air was blue. It went down very badly with the working class", he said.

Appeals for restraint? "They go right over the head of the ordinary working man. All he is interested in is how much he can get and his job security." Denis Warnock said his workmates at ICI on Teeside thought the social contract was fine. "but not for us".

Norman Temple has been paying a political levy to the Labour Party for 40 years, so he thought he had the right to be critical. It was the sort of Budget that gets a Labour government thrown out of office.

John Byrne works at Rolls-Royce's East Kilbride factory where the workers are now asking for a social contract-breaking £12 rise. He thought the working class might be prepared to restrain pay demands if they could see prices going down, or being held stable.

The Budget and the general financial climate had clearly affected Clyffurd Arrowsmith, from Portsmouth. He asked for £5 for his comments, which are therefore lost to posterity.

Biking

The last time I rode a bicycle was across Brooklyn Bridge in the middle of the night (name-dropping again). Therefore, before accepting the invitation of Hira-Bike, a new bicycle hire firm, to race from Fleet Street to Kensington, I got into condition by walking to Fleet Street from the Horse Guards.

Before the race began, the dozen or so contestants sipped champagne with studied moderation, and I learnt with consternation that my chance had been ruined by a late change in the route. Instead of cycling all the way, we were to be taken in hire cars to The Mall, and pedal from there. Now stamina is my forte, and the new route was little more than a sprint.

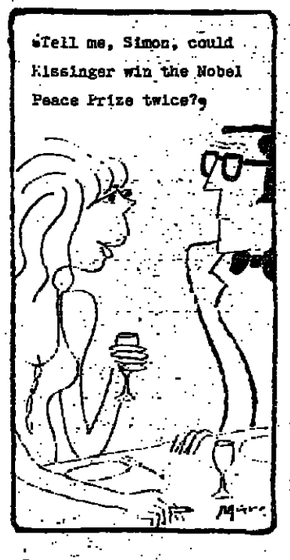
After equipping the male contestants with string for their trousers (there being a shortage of bicycle clips) they started us singly, possibly to stop us pushing each other off. They noted the time each of us departed.

In spite of my training walk, my thighs began to ache as I passed Clarence House, and they started to ache terribly up Constitution Hill. Negotiating the Buckingham Palace roundabout was easier than I had anticipated, but Hyde Park Corner was the most fearsome hazard.

The foolhardy, mainly radio reporters, barged straight into it, taking on the traffic as though they were themselves in cars. The most timid carried their bikes into the underpass, many of them emerging at the wrong exit and losing precious minutes. I, as is my habit, took the moderate middle way, pushing the bike across Grosvenor Place and pedalling on from there.

The recommended route was down Cromwell Road because, the organizers said, there was a "nasty gradient up Kensington Gore" which we probably could not manage. (Public relations men believe that all reporters are too unfit to manage all but the tiniest steps from one free drink to the next.)

However, the more competitive of us took the shorter, steeper route, and it was just opposite Hyde Park Barracks that I was overtaken by a group of radio reporters who had started later than me, and I knew my chance was lost.



It was not as frightening as I expected and I might soon get a bicycle of my own. Motorists were surprisingly accommodating.

Faith

The throng of organizations declaring themselves on the European Economic Community was joined yesterday by "Christians for Europe". The Bishop of Leicester, Anglican emissary to Brussels, is chairman of a group which unites Lord Longford, Shirley Williams and James Prior. It is being organized by John Selwyn Gummer, the former Conse tive MP for Lewisham.

The Bishop, who goes Brussels twice a year, said the EEC promoted peace, it could help re-unite Reformation Christendom, aid the third world.

So far no Christians age Europe have emerged. Gum did concede, though, that was not trying to recruit Northern Ireland, where s followers of the Rev Ian Pai suggest that the Treaty of R is self-evident a Vatican

Homeless

Reporters in no fixed at drama. The first day of annual conference of National Union of Journa was a washout because the delegates would not cross picket line operated by ele cians on strike at Cardiff hall, the conference ve After a frantic search the he less newsmen were allowe deliberate yesterday in a f at the Cardiff Centre hotel.

But they were soon me out by the fire brigade said there were too inflammatory people in room and that journalists m be trampled in the rush if broke out. During the li break another conference was found, the lecture the of the national museum. In of the uncertain future sages should be sent to NUJ, somewhere in Cardiff.

PL

ial Report to mark the publication of the first annual statement of the Manpower Services Commission

bs for the future

000-a-year retraining scheme would combat recession and unemployment

outledge ... intervention, and the union ... singled out the Manpower ... Services Commission as the ... body which should have the ... funds to subsidise employ... ment "in the short term ... specific instances". The ... union had "almost direct ... cash help to firms in finan... cial difficulties or public ... works programmes in regions ... where unemployment rose to ... an unacceptable level."

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Now, from the MSC itself, ... in the commission's first ... unions. Having missed ... for years for ... manpower ... aspect of ... machinery to ... ough, were first ... with a demand ... retraining, it ... npower Services ... it makes the case for ... should take on ... range of training ... job creation ... opportunities that would ... ission itself pre... double the number of people ... work creation ... being given a fresh start by ... the economic ... the Training Services ... employment ... Agency to 100,000 a year at ... General and ... a cost of about £70m. "In ... Workers' Union ... our view such an investment ... ment might be ... would be well worth while ... estimating the ... if it could alleviate the man... employment ... power shortages that have ... handicapped economic re... market situ... covery in the past", the ... pany liquidity ... commission adds.

and financial ... "We believe that a job ... ill allow an in... creation scheme may be a ... vestment", the ... useful adjunct to a pro... rt argued. The ... gramme of measures de... tive was state ... signed to combat unemploy... ment, since it can be intro... duced and terminated ... speedily to mitigate the ... worst effects of a significant ... rise, and can be directed at ... the hardest hit groups in the ... labour force and the worst ... affected regions. This is ... particularly important in ... view of the changing nature ... of unemployment and of the ... groups involved", the report ... says.

"Work creation pro... grammes, in the sense used ... here, have so far been few ... in this country. They have ... consisted mainly of short... term schemes run by local ... authorities with encourage... ment from central govern... ment, for example, winter ... works programmes and ... Operation Eyesore, the pur... pose of which has been ... mainly reflationary; they ... have only created additional ... employment to the extent ... that extra workers may have ... been taken on to execute ... projects.

"In addition, there is the ... Community Industry Scheme ... which gives temporary work ... to young people who find it ... particularly difficult to ob... tain or retain jobs, particu... larly if socially or educa... tionally deprived, and there... by helps them to move from ... school into permanent work ... outside the scheme. It is ... run by the National Asso... ciation of Youth Clubs with ... a grant from the Depart... ment of Employment."

Under the Employment ... and Training Act 1973 the ... Secretary of State for Em... ployment has powers to ... create temporary work for ... unemployed people. "The ... main purpose of our scheme ... would therefore be to help ... to alleviate the worst effects ... of rising unemployment by ... the provision of short-term ... jobs to those who lack them ... but are willing to work", ... MSC proposes.

"The jobs provided would ... be labour-intensive and of ... social value, usually con... sisting of community tasks ... that would not otherwise be ... performed. Our informal dis... cussions to date suggest that ... there would be no shortage ... of projects for the creation ... of either blue or white col... lar work.

"Wherever possible this ... would be linked to a period ... of training, either on or off ... the job. The chief feature ... of the scheme would be its ... flexibility and adaptability ... to local needs. The spon... sors for projects could be ... any groups in the community ... with a corporate identity.

"In the main they are ... likely to be the local authori... ties, with their resources in ... terms of experienced staff, ... facilities and relevant know... ledge, but public and volun... tary bodies and private in... dustry may also elect to par... ticipate. However, local ... authority collaboration may ... only be won if, as a first ... step, there is some relaxation ... of financial constraints to ... enable them to proceed with ... those of their priority pro... grammes which are labour-... intensive."

A small central organiza... tion would be needed to ad... minister funds, to assess and ... monitor projects, and to pro... vide liaison with and advice ... for the sponsoring bodies.

"The commission itself ... could fulfil such a role, act... ing as an agent for the Secre... tary of State. This is not, ... however, crucial to the ... scheme's success, but if ... selected for the task we ... would require to establish a ... small unit, headed by a pro... ject manager of high calibre, ... with regional representatives ... to work closely with the ... sponsors, the Employment ... Service Agency and the ... Training Services Agency.

"Both the candidates for ... jobs and the supervisory staff ... would be employed by the ... sponsors. Pay might be ... linked to that of local auth... ority temporary rates; in any ... event it should lie some... where between the current ... labour market rates for rele... vant occupations and social ... security benefit levels.

"The scheme could be ... financed either by meeting ... 100 per cent of net additional ... costs from central funds or ... by meeting 100 per cent of ... the labour costs centrally ... and leaving the sponsors to ... provide equipment and ... material. Consultations ... should be held with appro... priate organizations to ... determine the best financial ... arrangement."

The MSC's estimate of ... costs is that annual expen... diture on each worker would ... be about £1,500 and £1,600, ... at present wage levels, add... ing that such costs should of ... course be offset against the ... considerable costs of keep... ing unemployed people on ... social security benefits. ... "The numbers likely to be ... involved initially would de... pend on the local situation ... in respect of both the level ... of unemployment and the ... availability of sponsors."

This scheme has been put ... to the Government, and a ... Cabinet decision is awaited. ... The TUC has asked for it ... to be given immediate ... approval with an initial ... capital of £20m which would ... create jobs for 15,000 people. ... If sufficient projects were ... put forward, this first injec... tion of capital could be ... doubled.

Mr David Basnett, general ... secretary of the GMWU and ... a member of the TUC's six... man team on the National ... Economic Development ... Council, thinks that at a time ... of rising unemployment it is ... right to take a new, hard ... look at the instruments of ... manpower planning. The ... MSC, he suggests, should be ... given more powers of direc... tion and coordination. "The ... commission should be used ... not just as an administra... tive tool and a source of in... formation and expertise, but ... as a positive means of in... tervention in the labour ... market."

He wants a three-point ... programme of action. First, ... MSC needs to expand its re... search role and its job... placing service and the ... various strands of its acti... vity need to be brought ... more closely together, parti... cularly at local level. Second, ... MSC should be given re... sources and funds to offset ... the short-term effects of the ... economic recession in indus... tries and areas badly hit by ... actual or threatened unem... ployment.

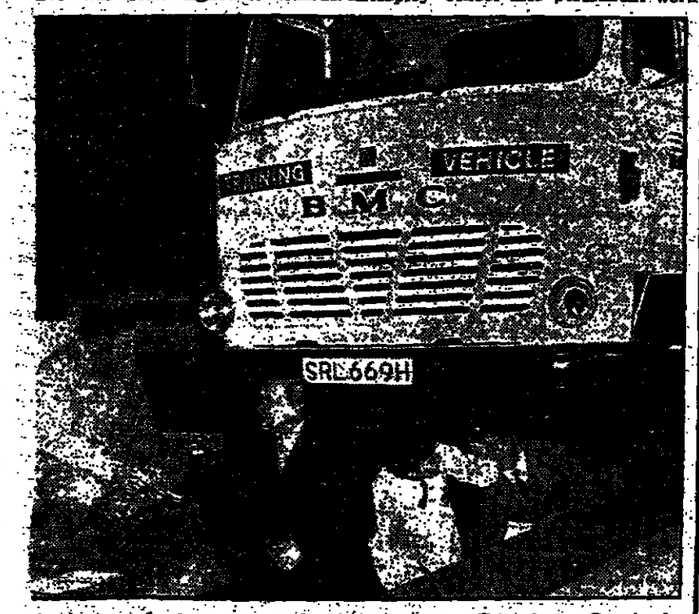
This might be done ... by "holding operations"— ... assisting firms faced with ... liquidation through the ... TUC's ideas for employment ... subsidies while the longer... term needs for public sup... port from the Department of ... Industry and the National ... Enterprise Board are ... examined. "This would not ... necessarily be an extra cost ... to the exchequer since the ... subsidy may approximate to ... the unemployment benefit ... otherwise due." Another ... method would be job crea... tion on the lines already pro... posed by the commission.

Third, Mr Basnett would ... like to see the commission ... working closely with the ... forthcoming National Enter... prise Board and the Depart... ment of Industry to give ... effect to the Government's ... plans for industrial planning ... and investment strategy. ...

The Confederation of ... British Industry joined with ... the TUC in 1973 in welcom... ing the establishment of the ... commission as a means of ... coordinating the employ... ment and training services ... under a body representative ... of all interests in industry. ... The employers' reaction to ... "work creation" and similar ... ideas might have been ex... pected to be a little more ... cool. But a CBI spokesman ... said: "From the day of the ... commission's first meeting ... all parties agreed on the ... need for contingency plan... ning to meet conditions of ... rising unemployment.

"The package of propo... sals now being studied by ... ministers are more exten... sive than any which have ... gone before. The need is ... not only to help the un... employed but to seek to ... break the traditional pattern ... under which past economic ... recoveries have been ham... strung by shortages of ... trained manpower."

It is a significant and ... heartening development ... when the TUC and the CBI ... can agree on something. The ... commission, the CBI adds, ... needs to develop an authori... tative and independent in... fluence on manpower policy. ... "It will need to build up ... the resources, regionally ... and nationally, to command ... public respect for its views, ... for the manpower intelli... gence work on which they ... are based, and to seek to ... set the framework for a ... comprehensive national ... policy."



Barnes, chairman of the Manpower Services Commis... visit to the Road Transport Industry Training Board ... High Ercall, Shropshire.

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Turning to the abortive ... 1965 national plan—"the ... first and last attempt at ... prescriptive planning of the ... British economy"—the ... report argues that the econ... omic squeeze of 1966 led to ... an increase in unemploy... ment that was unprecedent... tedly rapid "and which ... appears to have become per... manent". MSC concludes ... that there is a real need for ... regular and comprehensive ... assessments of manpower ... trends and prospects.

Assessing the events of ... the past 18 months, the ... commission finds that ... despite fears of a sharp ... deterioration in employ... ment, "the actual change ... was considerably less un... favourable than expected". ... The outlook, however, con... firmed pessimistic estimates ... that perhaps a million peo... ple might be out of work at ... the end of this year.

Looking to the contribu... tion MSC could make to ... resolving this prospect, the ... report suggests: "The only ... positive aspect to unemploy... ment is the opportunity it ... provides for training or ... retraining. This opportunity ... needs to be used to a much ... greater extent that in the ... past. A characteristic fea... ture of the economy at the ... end of a recession is the ... development of a shortage ... of skills required by ... employers to expand their ... output.

"Even during a recession, ... vacancies and high unem... ployment coexist because of a ... mismatch between the skills ... of people looking for work ... and the requirements of ... employers. A substantial in... crease in training is there... fore needed to prepare a ... stock of skills which will ... have a better chance of ... matching the job opportuni... ties which open up as the ... economy revives."

The MSC has ideas for ... work creation that it freely ... admits will cost money, and ... these have been put to Mr ... Foot, the Employment ... Secretary, with a recom... mendation that they should ... be put into practice on a ... limited scale and in selected ... areas. The minister has ... asked the commission to ... elaborate its ideas and ... present him with a detailed ... contingency plan for pos... sible use alongside other ... government policies in a sit... uation of high unemploy... ment. "We hope to com... plete this exercise within ... two or three months", the ... report says.

Having taken stock of its ... functions, the commission ... argues that its role should ... be widened if the duties ... laid on it by the 1973 ... Employment and Training ... Act are to be satisfactorily ... discharged.

"The development of a ... general manpower strategy ... will only be feasible if the ... commission becomes an ... authoritative centre for ... manpower intelligence. The ... subject has suffered from ... a piecemeal and fragmented ... approach in the past, and it ... now needs to be tackled in ... a coordinated and alto... gether more purposive ... way", the report says.

It may be well worth ... producing a regular man... power report, MSC adds, ... which would bring together ... all the existing information ... on labour market trends and ... provide a comprehensive ... and synoptic review of man... power problems and policies. ... Activities of this sort could ... provide a sound basis on ... which to develop an "ac... tive" manpower policy on ... the Swedish model.

The commission lists ... points that need to be sat... isfied for the United King... dom to have a comprehen... sive manpower policy: a ... strong central authority ... responsible for the execu... tion of manpower aspects of ... fiscal, economic and indus... trial policies; full participa... tion of "all interests", ... including employers and ... unions in the national and ... local work of the authority; ... a good employment service; ... good training and retraining ... services; effective regional ... policies and measures to ... help geographical mobility ... of workers; safeguard and ... help for workers "at a dis... advantage in the labour ... market"; selective measures ... to counteract cyclical fluctu... ations that would otherwise ... lead to manpower im... balances; "appropriate fin... ancial and other help" for ... workers affected by change ... and other foreseeable ... developments; measures to ... ensure that public and enter... prise manpower policies do ... not conflict.

"We are convinced that ... only by a radical extension ... of the present role and res... ponsibilities of the commis... sion beyond those envisaged ... by the 1973 Employment ... and Training Act can a new ... dynamic be given to the ... development of manpower ... policies in this country", ... the report concludes.

P.R.

The Chancellor has just given £50m to the MSC.

"... In recent months, the Secretary of State for Employment and I have had the benefit of much valuable advice from the Commission, supported by its Agencies. I propose to allocate an additional £20m in 1975-76 and £30m in 1976-77 to the Manpower Services Commission for the purposes of strengthening and accelerating the growth of the training programmes of industry and of the Training Services Agency: introducing special measures of training for the unemployed; improving the efficiency of the Employment Service Agency and providing additional incentives for job mobility. This will be on top of the substantial development already planned in the programmes for which the Commission are responsible ..."

The Rt. Hon. Denis Healey, MP,
Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Budget statement April 15th, 1975.

Who's the MSC?

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THE MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION

Benefits and work-finding divorced for new image

by Alan Hamilton

A visit to the labour exchange was something to be made when the neighbours were not looking. It ranked with wheeling one's laundry on an old pram to the public wash house when everyone else in the street had a Hoovermatic.

The labour exchange had a stigma, a whiff of squalor, not least because it always seemed to be sited on the wrong side of the track, the home of drinkers of cheap British wine and women who sold their favours for a song. And the building itself as often as not lay somewhere in the list of interior design awards between a Salvation Army hostel and the Labianka.

But that was a long time ago, of course, in the bad old days when the realties of life were driven home with all the subtlety of a lead-filled boxing glove. The brave new world has arrived, and life's little misfortunes, like unemployment, have been pasteurized, deodorized and made quite acceptable.

Going to the exchange to find a job is now as easy as popping into Tesco's for a pound of sausages. The old labour exchange has been lifted out of the back yard and put in the High Street, money has been lavished on its furnishings, and just in case any residue of the depression still clings, it has been renamed the Jobcentre.

The two traditional functions of the labour exchange have been well and truly separated; the distasteful business of paying out unemployment benefit still goes on in the old backstreet exchanges, while the gay and happy task of finding a new job has been promoted to prime sites in town centres.

Having benefit payments in the same building is thought to dissuade potential job-seekers from using the service, so it has become something of a poor relation. Anyway, you cannot have dole queues blocking the front door of Sainsbury's.

There are now some 80 Jobcentres in operation, usually in the best shopping centres, their distinctive black and orange fronts looking more like a boutique than the offices of a government agency. Those already open are handling about 9 per cent of all the country's labour exchange business, but about 800 are planned for the 1980s.

There are about 10 million job changes in the United Kingdom every year, of which about 20 per cent are handled by government employment exchange. The Employment Services Agency, which has taken over job placing from the Department of Employment, hopes that the new Jobcentre image will push its share of the total job-finding market up to about one third.

Officials of the agency and its parent, the Manpower Services Commission, are at pains to point out that their gleaming new Jobcentres do not constitute a mere cosmetic facelift for the service, but are a reflection of a whole new approach to job-finding.

The old form filling and the cold confrontation with a faceless civil servant in a bare cubicle, have gone. In their place has come the supermarket concept, the idea of self-service job finding. Prospective job-seekers can now wander into a Jobcentre, browse through the display boards of jobs on offer, and wander out again without any obligation to stop and buy.

If they see something that takes their fancy, they can pursue it with an employment adviser on the premises. In some cases these are the same people who staffed the old exchanges, but many of them are more highly trained, are executive rather than clerical officers and, freed of their weekly benefit paying duties, can give their entire attention to job placing.

If the customer still cannot get satisfaction, he can go to the third tier of the service, the special advice section, where he may be guided to an entirely new career through the Government's Training Opportunities Scheme or other training facilities.

Employment officials readily admit that the old service, behind its tired image, gave only an adequate service at best. Statistics indicate that the new Jobcentres have provided a dramatic improvement. In the first six months of last year those few centres which were open showed big increases in business over the offices they replaced. Registrations and inquiries for work were up by 30 per cent, vacancies notified by employers were up by 44 per cent, and placings made, a true test of success, were up by 47 per cent.

By far the biggest increase in new business has come from women. Inquiries from women rose by 75 per cent and the rate of placings went up by 83 per cent. Clearly the women would prefer to visit a comfortable Jobcentre during a break in the shopping than to sneak down the backstreets and risk being seen "at the labour".

The service takes pride not only in the sheer number of extra placings but in its success in placing people with the most unlikely qualifications. A 32-year-old woman walked into the St office recently and nounced that she was of work wall-of-death Now she is a heavy vehicle driver, her techniques suitably by the government tra course, and she is the woman among 16 drive her firm.

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A Skillcentre at Letchworth, where training started in t under the Ministry of Labour. Today skills such as bricklay heating and ventilating fitting, plumbing and sheetmetal w electro-arc welding and men's hairdressing are taught here. It a hostel which can accommodate up to 500 people.

Training programmes under close scrutiny

by Raymond Perman

If there has ever been any doubt about the importance placed on training by governments of both parties during recent years, it was removed by Mr Healey in his Budget speech last week. While announcing cuts in many other areas of public spending he promised increases in the training budgets, £20m more in the current financial year, £30m in 1976-77.

At a time of recession, the Chancellor said, one of the most persistent problems was the reduction in training, so the period before an upswing had to be used better, both by firms and by the Government's Skill centres and colleges of further education.

Programmes of training and retraining and grant schemes to encourage workers to move to areas of employment have been in existence for many years, but with the modernization of the employment services in the early 1970s, both have come in for close scrutiny.

The monthly total of unfilled jobs that accompany unemployment figures makes an apparent paradox: why should people be out of work when there are vacancies waiting to be filled? The question, although often asked, does not need much thought to answer. Partly, there will be statistical reasons for the imbalance. At the time the figures were collected, some people will have been between jobs and will remain out of work for only a short time. But there are other explanations.

The unemployed may not be in the same area of the country as the jobs waiting to be filled. Some regions, particularly where traditional industries have declined, are always hardest hit when there is a decline in the economy. But it can happen that while they are laying off workers industries in other places are still suffering from labour shortages.

Another reason is that the unemployed may not be training in the right skills or in other ways suitable for the jobs that remain vacant. British workers are in general reluctant to change their trades or professions, or the areas in which they work. The severe deprivations of the depression forced some to leave their homes in search of work, but in better times men have found it hard to pull up their roots to look for new jobs.

To try to ease the hardships caused by such moves and to try to remove some of the rigidities in the employment structure of the country, which mean that the economy is not running at its most efficient level, a system of grants and retraining schemes has been developed.

Various schemes for making lump sum payments to workers to induce them to move to areas of labour shortage have been in existence since the end of the First World War, but in April, 1972, immediately after a peak in unemployment of 930,000 it was decided to increase their levels and present them in a new way.

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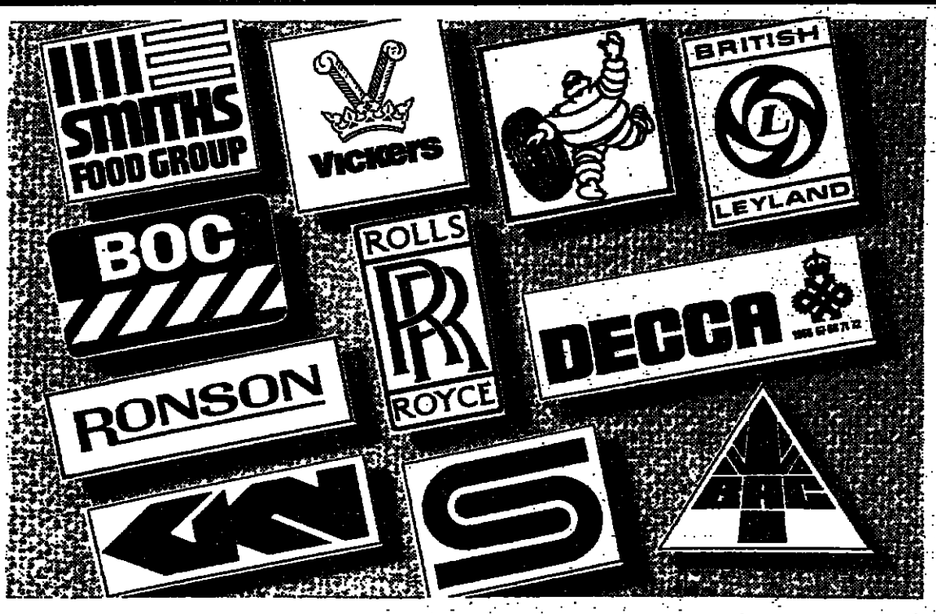

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Modern techniques dispel old dole atmosphere

The daunting sight of the dole queue stretching away from the door of the labour exchange has been familiar to many seeking the help of the public employment service since it was set up 65 years ago. It is hard to think of anything more dispiriting to the man or woman just made redundant or looking for a change of job.

From their establishment at the beginning of the century, labour exchanges were intended to have a positive role, to be concerned with bringing together workers seeking new jobs and employers seeking new workers. Yet, despite the renewed emphasis placed on that aspect of their work in the 1944 White Paper, they inevitably became associated in the minds of many people with unemployment.

By the mid-1960s the dole-queue image was firmly entrenched, reinforced by the uninspiring official buildings which housed many of the country's 1,000 employment offices. It was widely acknowledged that most of the 7,000 people who staffed them were working with dedication, but there was also a growing feeling inside and outside the service that their work was not enough.

Dissatisfaction with the way the employment service was operating was clearly expressed in the 1971 government document *People and Jobs*, which was the culmination of a hard look at the service and the reasons for its failure.

The document said: "Employers do not inform the service of all their vacancies and some hardly use it at all. During the past five years for example workers registering for jobs have normally outnumbered notified vacancies by more than two to one. Thus, whereas the service fills more than two in three vacancies, it places only about one in three of those who register.

"The task facing the service is to break out of a situation where employers do not use it because they doubt—sometimes rightly—whether it has suitable people on its books, and where workers seeking jobs do not visit the local employment office because the vacancies they want are not notified by the employer."

People and Jobs was widely supported in its analysis of the problems and the solutions it put forward. Work on it had begun during the life of the 1966-70 Labour government with a programme of research in Britain and overseas, to examine the experience of countries, such as those in Scandinavia, whose employment services had a different character. It was carried on under the Conservatives and was given the backing of the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry.

The document identified two functions for the public employment service: an economic one in helping to get the right people in the right jobs as quickly as possible; and a social one in helping workers who found special difficulties in getting or keeping satisfactory jobs.

Employers had to be convinced that it was worth informing the service of vacancies. Although in the mid-sixties about two million jobs were notified each year, that was only a fifth of the total job changes in Britain. The immediate target was to double that number.

The way to go about it was a new management structure to have overall responsibility for employment and the freedom to create a new service with a new image, a new form of administration, separating for ever the payment of unemployment benefit from job finding, and a new network of offices, which by the way they operated, the way they looked, their location in the heart of shopping centres and their trained staff, would encourage people to go to them for jobs.

In short: the complete modernization of the employment service from top to bottom. At the top, new management came into being with the Manpower Services Commission, set up last year as a policy making coordinating body with members from the TUC, CBI and local authorities. Its two executive arms were the Employment Service Agency and the Training Services Agency.

The ESA took over the modernization task, which was already well under way.

As a pilot scheme it was decided to update the Professional and Executive Register which, with 45 offices and 600 staff, had been attempting to handle professional, technical and managerial vacancies in the face of a prejudice on the part of employers against the public service for anything but manual jobs.

It was renamed Professional and Executive Recruitment, given new and attractive offices, computerization, microfilming and other modern techniques.

One immediate innovation was that PER started charging fees to employers, something commercial agencies did, but which was new to government services. Employers pay between 7 and 10 per cent of the annual salary of the job they want filled and enough of them were prepared to do so to give an income from fees of £2m in 1973-74.

PER has quickly established itself as the leading agency for higher-paid professional staff. It is the only agency giving a truly national service and none of its private rivals can compete with a network of 38 offices and a register of job candidates now at 73,000.

Placings during 1974 were 8,500, but fell 1,500 short of the target, largely due to the three-day week and the decline in the economy, according to Mr Geoffrey Crosby, PER's director. He intends to go on taking a larger share of the job market already served by agencies, but knows that if PER is to be a success it will also have to make considerable inroads into the 60 to 70 per cent of all job vacancies filled through direct advertising.

Most companies will advise workers who are made redundant to go to their local public employment agency. What PER has to do, Mr Crosby adds, is to persuade them to turn to the same services when they have vacancies to fill. His way of going about it is to make PER as efficient as possible as a means of filling a job with the right candidate.

The details of qualifications, experience and preferences of each man or woman who approaches PER are matched by the computer and then by an experienced counsellor to the list of vacant jobs.

Similarly every new vacancy notified to PER is matched with the candidates' register to find suitable applicants. What PER cannot do is to create jobs and that is particularly obvious in a time of economic depression. As an example Mr Crosby cites the 5,000 marketing managers who have asked PER to find them new jobs. Only 250 such vacancies have been notified.

To give candidates confidence that opportunities are not being withheld from them and perhaps in some cases to stimulate them into thinking about jobs which might otherwise not have occurred to them, every person coming to PER is free to scan the whole range of jobs notified and recorded on microfilm.

That element of self-selection is used more in the new Jobcentres, which are slowly replacing the old labour exchanges.

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At present there are four steel jacket fabrication yards in operation which have labour forces of between 1,000 and 2,000 men, depending on the phase of construction and on the amount of work contracted. The main skills involved are welding, plating, fabricating, rigging and scaffolding.

Concrete platform fabricators draw mainly on workers with civil engineering construction skills—joiners and steel fixers—but also use some metal working tradesmen and other site workers. A typical labour force might be 600 for a single construction. Modules again require labour forces highly skilled in the steel working trades, with 400 to 600 men in a typical building yard.

Refineries, pipeline terminals and processing plants are capital rather than labour intensive. However, the Sullom Voe complex in the Shetlands may provide as many as 1,000 jobs if the full plan is implemented.

A high level of total demand for platform construction can be expected throughout the latter part of the decade and into the 1980s.

Because rig operators can recruit their labour force nationally and fly workers in from all over the country for their tours of duty, the offshore side of the North Sea development has not been forced to compete with established Scottish industries for manpower. Platform and module construction yards and other associated onshore industries have, on the other hand, to recruit many of their workers from local industries.

The report says the main overlaps with steel jackets and module manufacture skills are in the shipbuilding industry, and in mechanical and electrical engineering construction (MEEC). The shipbuilding industry is likely to maintain its requirements over the next few years.

MEEC is expecting a considerable national expansion with an increased requirement of approximately 16,000 men in the critical skilled trades between now and 1976. Though forecasts after this date are necessarily tentative, only a slight falling off in activity is expected before 1980.

The report discloses that between 1970 and 1974 the number of manual workers in the mechanical and electrical engineering and construction industries fell from 50,000 to 25,000 and if many of the men who had left the industry could be induced to return it could help to solve the problem in this area.

Nevertheless, the report says, even in the aggregate a considerable training requirement exists, especially for the steel skills needed for jacket and module fabrication, shipbuilding and MEEC.

Of all regions in Britain, North-east England will have the biggest absolute increase in manpower requirement in the next two years. The pressure on the metal-working skills will be intense—an increase of at least 10,000 compared with 2,000 at present unemployed. On the other hand, with its long tradition of heavy engineering and MEEC, this region may be best able to cope with the problem.

Migration of workers from outside the east coast of Scotland has been hit by the lack of housing. Efforts to increase the number of new houses available have been hampered by severe shortages of labour in the building industry where large numbers of men have moved into jobs associated with North Sea development.

The report concludes that a training programme needs to be devised to meet these shortfalls at national and local level. The programme for offshore activities is based on the recommendations of the report on education training for offshore developments by a working party led by the Training Services Agency in November, 1973.

These include one-year post-graduate courses in petroleum engineering at two universities, with a course in petroleum geology at a third. A drilling technology centre, involving practical experience on a land-based rig, has been recommended for Livingston in Scotland. An advanced training centre for deep diving in north-west Scotland has also been recommended.

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Workers who move house can get help with removal expenses, a rehousing grant of up to £400 and help with solicitors' fees.

Retraining by government agencies has also been available for some time to enable workers dissatisfied with their jobs, or who are in industries where their skills are no longer needed, to learn new trades. In August 1972, under the encouragement of Mr Robert Carr, then Secretary of State for Employment, the old Vocational Training Scheme was relaunched as the Training Opportunities Scheme (Tops).

Unlike its predecessor, Tops was open to workers who were already judged to have a useful skill. Although many of the people who take advantage of its courses feel they have missed out on training, perhaps by turning down an apprenticeship after leaving school, they are also open to men and women who want to change their trades or who think they are capable of achieving higher qualifications.

Courses for men are mainly in the engineering and construction industry skills, where there has been a shortage of labour since the end of the war, but others are offered in a wide range of trades. The men who take them are usually in their late twenties.

The courses are held in one of the 53 skill centres, previously known as government training centres, and can last for a month to three years, although the average is about six months. The emphasis is deliberately on practical experience and the centres are made to look and feel like the working environment the trainees will face when they get jobs.

Most women take courses in secretarial, commercial or managerial skills, held in colleges of further education, where they may join existing classes, or if there is enough of them, make up classes of their own. The courses are most popular with women wishing to return to work after their families have grown up.

All courses are full-time and trainees are paid tax free allowances at a rate £5 above unemployment benefit level while they attend. They may also be able to claim travelling allowances, free meals and credits for national insurance contributions.

In Tops' first year of operation 29,000 people took courses, but by last year the figure had risen to 45,000 and the service has set a target of 60,000 for this year and 100,000 by 1980.

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And that's still not all the ESA can do.

For further details contact your local Jobcentre or Employment Office.

THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AGENCY

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Private agencies go beyond secretarial work to supply wide range of skills

by Patricia Tisdall

...ntrary to some gloomy ...pectations, growing un...ployment does not appear ...have seriously upset the ...ivate employment agencies. ...ey still play an important ...rt in recruitment, particularly for typists and secretaries.

What the economic recession has meant is that both employers and agencies can be more selective. The more reputable companies see that as an advantage, compared with the staff-hungry days of a year or so ago when almost any office worker, however inexperienced, was virtually guaranteed a job.

Private employment agencies do not operate only in the secretarial sector, although it is their biggest field. There are many firms dealing with nursing, hairdressing, catering and domestic servants.

According to the Federation of Personnel Services, the agencies' trade association, there are "very few areas where an agency cannot be of value in finding a new job". The federation publishes a booklet listing the numerous specialist agencies.

Private employment agencies such as the above continue to attract many people seeking jobs and are widely used by employers.

Some of the big secretarial agencies have extended into these, including Alfred Marks. Mr Bernard Marks, the chairman, says that "people like to talk to experts, to others who really know the field, when they change jobs". His firm has about a dozen specialist sections, which include the supply of temporary industrial contract labour, a technical agency providing drawing office personnel and qualified engineers, and a nursing agency.

Some of the specialist areas of recruitment have felt the effects of general unemployment to a much greater extent than the secretarial sector. Mr Marks estimates that unemployment would have to reach nearly two million to have any serious effect on secretarial demand.

Various surveys exist, and their findings are sometimes hotly contested. But one, conducted by an independent company, the Harris Poll Survey, shows that 45 per cent of secretaries and typists in London found their jobs through private employment agencies. Other reports say that about 60 per cent of all jobs offered in the greater London area and about 50 per cent of vacancies in the larger provincial cities are dealt with by the private agencies.

The Government's general household survey of 1973, however, shows that 11.1 per cent of intermediate and junior non-manual jobs were obtained through private agencies against 7.5 per cent obtained through the employment exchanges. Advertisements accounted for 33.1 per cent of placements and a direct approach to employers for 20.5 per cent.

Nevertheless, however the figures are taken, private agencies are clearly in demand from employers who pay the fee and from the applicants who flock to their doors in search of a new job.

The large agencies, which include the Brook Street Bureau and Reed Executive as well as Alfred Marks, also believe that they offer a useful educational function both for employers and employees. Alfred Marks publishes regular statistical information on salaries and job trends which most personnel specialists find extremely useful.

One study published earlier this year examined the personal attitudes of employers towards their secretaries. It found, for example, that 87 per cent of prospective employers placed "personality" high on their priority list. Physical attractiveness, "good figure" and "prettiness" both netted less than a 10 per cent vote.

Heading the list of attributes objected to were body odour, bad grooming and bad speech. First reactions are important; 92 per cent of employers said their final decision was sometimes or always affected by their initial impression.

That sort of research is important since it can save considerable time and wasted effort. How often do employers specify "non-smokers only", for example, when writing out a job specification? Equally, how many job-seekers would turn up for interviews scruffily turned out if they appreciated how important first impressions were? By identifying and cataloguing the more subtle though important factors the agencies can provide a useful service in saving time and money of employers.

Alfred Marks conducts its surveys on a quarterly basis. The company argues that during the past 50 years office work has been growing at an annual rate of 3 per cent, with office workers increasing in number nearly 12 times faster than all other workers. They now number about 3,500,000, or 13 per cent of the country's labour force. Of all female workers more than 26 per cent do second by luring girls awa... clerical work. Yet, the com... from offices with offers ... pany says, the sector has in high wages—a charge whic... the past been starved of the agencies deny. ... statistical information.

Despite the obvious demand for private employment agencies, there has been considerable opposition to them in several quarters, most noticeably from the unions, which complain that they force salary rates up and upset regular employees. With some business sectors, the unions also complain about the use of temporary staff. The argument is that agencies create a false shortage of staff, initially just by their existence and

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The way that average office salaries have moved in relatio... to the cost of living is shown in the table below.

	Average Salary* (Central London)	Rise each year	Retail prices index (October 1967=100)	Ris... each yea...
	£ a week	%		%
October 1967	13.75	—	100	—
October 1968	15	9.1	105.8	5.8
October 1969	16	6.7	111.5	5.4
October 1970	18	12.5	119.7	7.4
October 1971	19.75	9.7	130.9	9.4
October 1972	22	13.9	141.2	7.9
October 1973	26.75	21.6	155.1	9.8
October 1974	31.75	18.7	181.7	17.2

Source: Alfred Marks Bureau
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New start for the redundant

by Alan Hamilton

There is now every possibility that the long-feared figure of one million unemployed in the United Kingdom will be reached next winter, unless there is a big change in the economic climate of the entire capitalist world. Recent government measures, chiefly through the Industry Act, aimed at preserving and creating jobs, may do no more than pour cupfuls of water on a forest fire.

With an unacceptably high unemployment level already upon us and considerably worse to come, much effort is being directed towards accepting the inevitable and finding ways of alleviating the hardship it causes, both on a personal and a national level.

Since it was set up to take over the employment and training functions of the Department of Employment, the Manpower Services Commission has been charged, apart from its normal routine functions, with preparing contingency plans to deal with major unemployment. Some measures are already in operation and, as the year progresses, more and more of the commission's energies will have to be spent in looking after the growing army of the redundant.

As its present functions do not include the actual creation of new jobs or the retention of existing ones, the MSC must concentrate first on ensuring that unemployed workers remain unemployed for as short a time as possible, and second on trying to turn a period of enforced redundancy to good account.

Its two principal weapons in the fight are a massive retraining programme and an arsenal of incentives to persuade the unemployed to move to where the work is.

Industrial training is a function which, in normal times, is generally carried out by employers. But in times of recession employers will shed their training responsibilities because they cannot afford the facilities and cannot offer work to the people they have trained. Government must then move in to take up the slack and to ensure that, when times become better, industry is not bereft of properly trained labour. Training was given a £50m boost in the Budget, allowing an extra 30,000 places to be created in Government training schemes during the coming year.

But officials of the Training Services Agency, one of the MSC's two executive arms, meet considerable resistance in their efforts to educate workers of all kinds, whatever the colour of their collar, in the benefits of training, particularly of retraining for a second career.

In the words of one senior MSC official: "Training is still widely regarded as something for one-legged chaps and ex-army regulars. Only now, with unemployment at a very high level, are people beginning to recognize its value." That they are "training for unemployment", that their spell at a government skill centre or a college of further education will simply end with a return to the dole queue, is the major reservation of those whom the MSC seeks to assist.

When hard-pressed employers begin to shed their traditional training responsibilities and government takes over, it has three main avenues at its disposal: skill centres, colleges of further education, and employers' own establishments which, in times of economic stringency, are frequently severely under-used.

Recently the MSC, through the various industrial training boards which it administers, has tried a system of apprentice award schemes in an effort to help young people whose lack of any particular skill would make them prime candidates for the dole queue. But it is now generally admitted that such measures were too little and too late.

Now the emphasis is on the Training Opportunities Scheme, through which the unemployed can learn a wide variety of trades and be paid while learning. The scheme has scored notable successes in at least two recent major redundancy situations; when British Steel closed its Irlam works, a quarter of the redundant labour force applied for TOPS retraining, and more recently, one third of the 1,100 workers made redundant by the Imperial Typewriters closure at Leicester made similar applications.

Whether those who undergo TOPS retraining will have jobs to go to at the end of their courses is another matter, but the Training Services Agency is optimistic and believes that even in times of very high unemployment the labour market continues to turn over at a considerable rate.

But even skilled workers, be they capstan lathe operators or senior managers, can sometimes experience great difficulty in finding new work in their own localities. So a range of financial incentives are available to encourage workers to move to where the work is, whether or not they take their families with them.

Are such measures enough in times of serious unemployment, considering that neither intensive training nor labour mobility actually create work? Many believe that they are not, and that the function of the MSC should be fundamentally changed to include a crash programme of job creation.

The commis... is wel... aware that its c... ...t brie... may not be suffi... ...wide-ranging to meet h... need. Last year it even commissioned an independent study of its own plans, which concluded that a new-style job creation programme, coupled with intensive training, was the best answer to a major unemployment problem.

Such ideas are far from new. Franklin D. Roosevelt thought of it during the thirties and the Tennessee Valley Authority and many other major public works in the United States bear testimony to his New Deal. But this country's bank balance is shaky enough to require something a little less grandiose.

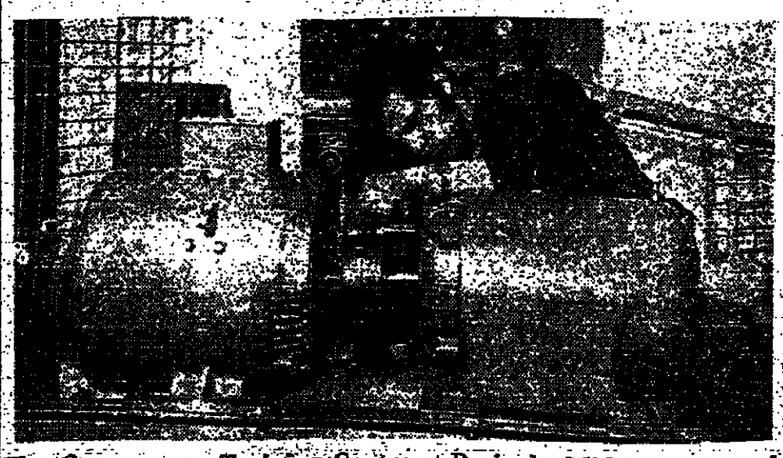
Much attention is being given to a current Canadian concept known as the Local Initiatives Programme. For a cost of $150m, the Canadian Government created 92,500 jobs of varying duration by approving 3,700 local community projects ranging from bridge building to advice bureaux. The only conditions were that the schemes should be non-profitmaking and that their participants should be unemployed.

Something of the same kind already exists in Britain but on a small scale. Community Industry was started in 1972 with a grant of £500,000, and provides jobs for about 2,000 young people on projects ranging from property repairs to restoring a canal barge for an industrial museum. To be a real answer to a crisis, however, the scheme would have to cope with about 220,000 young people at any one time.

Such schemes are clearly beneficial, especially if they can be used to teach skills which can be put to use in a later, more permanent job. But they are bound to be confined to small projects, as there is little scope at present for local authorities to find the money to advance major public works schemes.

But job creation is a function more likely to be left to the wide-ranging powers of the Industry Act rather than to the MSC. It surely must be better to keep a man in his existing, economically productive job than to have to put him to clearing adventure playgrounds, or other emergency activities which smack of charity and do-gooding, and which are always liable to undermine confidence and self-respect.

Self-respect, however, can be undermined most easily by long periods of total unemployment; and average periods of redundancy are becoming longer as well as more frequent. Intensive training schemes operated by the MSC, the organizers hope, will preserve at least the will to work which can so easily be destroyed after a long period on the dole.



The Government Training Centre at Perivale, Middlesex, one of more than 50 set up to train unskilled workers and retrain those facing redundancy in declining industries. Courses in more than 50 trades are available.

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ILL RUTHLESS IN VICTORY

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presumably illegal under the Geneva Convention. If it had done so, it does not seem very likely that the South Vietnamese would have delayed using it until now. More probably the reports represent a last-ditch attempt at psychological warfare by the South Vietnamese military. In any case, no new weapon is very likely to tip the scales of war in Saigon's favour at this late stage in the battle, since Congress is most unlikely to sanction its replacement once existing stocks are used up. Its only possible effect would be to prolong the fighting and increase the number of deaths.

There is unfortunately no reason for thinking that this prospect would in any way modify the attitude of the Communists. In the course of thirty years' more or less continuous fighting they have shown that they are prepared to accept virtually any amount of suffering and sacrifice any number of lives, on both sides and among those unfortunate enough to be caught in between, in order to achieve their ends. From their point of view this attitude has paid off: there can be little doubt that they have won the war. They defeated the French. They defeated the Americans. And they have defeated the successive anti-communist leaders who strove to forge a separate nation in South Vietnam. If the political clauses of the Paris agreement were now to be applied there can be little doubt that the communists would be effective masters of the whole country within weeks if not days.

So what more do they want? They say that they want the complete cessation of American "interference in South Vietnam's internal affairs". This seems a somewhat unnecessary demand when it appears that Washington's only remaining objective in South Vietnam is to rescue its own nationals and as many as possible of its friends in the days remaining before the final collapse. But apparently the communists consider that the new government ("the present clique") is nothing more than a continuation of the Thieu regime under another name, and therefore *a priori* "in Washington's pay".

It presumably follows from this that the United States will be deemed to be still interfering in South Vietnam so long as anybody who is or has been associated with President Thieu remains in power. In other words the Americans can only stop intervening, in Communist eyes, by taking positive action to reverse the effects of their previous interventions and to bring to power a government drawn from the former opposition.

The communists will then be able to claim that they captured Saigon not by a military victory but by an insurrection of "popular forces" from within. Such a scenario would perhaps be flattering for the people of Saigon. But most of them would no doubt prefer to dispense with such spurious glory and get the whole sordid business over with. Surely the communists should be humane enough to grant them that, even if it means prolonging the existence of the Huong government for a few days or weeks.

BEST WAY TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

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consideration. In several distressing cases in recent years the law has proved inadequate to protect this welfare. This failure led successively to the Houghton Committee, to Dr David Owen's private member's Bill, and to the present Children Bill. Perhaps there is a case for a clear and unambiguous statement of the principles on which cases involving the future of children should be decided.

On the other hand there is the view expressed in a recent book *Beyond the Best Interests of the Child* that "law is incapable of effectively managing, except in a very gross sense, so delicate and complex a relationship as that between parent and child". Also some social workers are critical even of the milder provisions of the Bill because in their view it reduces the rights of natural parents without providing any compensating help to families at risk. On balance the more cautious wording of the Children Bill is perhaps to be preferred.

The second difference between the Justice report and the Children Bill concerns the permissible degree of separate legal representation for children. Dr Owen's original Bill provided for the separate representation of children in all contested cases concerning adoption, custodianship and care, and also required the court to consider whether a child should be represented separately in all proceedings relating to him. The published Government Bill reduced the scope of separate legal representation.

In fact the House of Lords has amended the Bill to restore the provisions of the Owen Bill, but there is a suggestion that the Government may try to have the amendments removed in the Commons because of their implications for manpower and resources. Such an attempt should probably be resisted. It is difficult to see how the principle of the primacy of the child's welfare can be properly applied if the child is not allowed a reasonable opportunity for separate legal representation.

The proposal in the Justice report for a children's ombudsman raises much wider issues. The report suggests that the ombudsman should be a lawyer with special qualifications in child care work. He would have extensive responsibilities, as "a social recourse for the child who considers himself ill-treated", as the custodian of children of single or separated parents on the death of these parents, as the provider of legal representation of children, among others. These responsibilities are almost certainly too wide and too varied. The role of the lawyer and that of the social worker should be kept separate and not confused. However the most powerful objection to the idea of a children's ombudsman is the extra and perhaps excessive manpower and resources that would be required. There is a need for the separate legal representation of minors to be more widely accepted, but the creation of a children's ombudsman is probably a case of too much, too soon.

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D. Herbert Jones

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Is it proper for the Home Office to sail so near the wind of criminal justice and itself to abrogate the rule of law?
Yours faithfully,
D. HERBERT JONES,
17 St Stephens Avenue,
Hertfordshire,
St Albans,
April 18.

Amateur operatics

From Sir Leslie Scarman

Sir, Last week the Bridgnorth Amateur Operatic Society put on *Pink Champagne* at Bridgnorth. Some may ask—why not *Fledermaus* itself? To which the answer is that at the *grass roots of culture* it is wise to concentrate upon use of your chorus.

During the week this local society displayed musical and acting talent of a high order. All was done by gifted and enthusiastic amateurs living in and around Bridgnorth.

The English (and Welsh, for we are in border country) have a natural flair for entertaining themselves: *and they can do it with taste* as well as gusto. Is not amateur endeavour of this quality worthy of help from central public funds (the Arts Council, if its charter permits) by the device of the matching grant? Something must be done, for local purses, public and private, are stretched and soon may not be able to cover all the cost.
Yours faithfully,
LESLIE SCARMAN,
77 Cadogan Square, SW1.
April 21.

Poets in Ulster

From Mr Padraic Fiacc

Sir, In your Correspondent here in Belfast, Robert Fisk's article on "How poets put Northern Ireland's war into words" (*The Times*, March 29), he states that "there are too few Protestant poets". There are over 40 Protestant poets in our anthology of 73, not a great majority, perhaps, but one suggestive of a little power sharing at least among *the poets themselves*.

An understandable but more serious inaccuracy is his statement that someone was bound "to produce a book of verse around the war of the past five years". As editor I had a difficult time indeed to woo the poets to contribute poetry on the subject of the violence at all. In a community where words can kill my formidable task was to convince each poet that the lack of words can also kill.

An example of a "murderous silence" has been painfully *brought home to us at the recent* (April 7) assassination of one of the youngest poets in the book, Gerry Locke (Gerry McLaughlin). Several of us knew for some time that Gerry was being followed by men in a car and yet such is the despair of this community we refused to go to the police.

Against this and other dreadful happenings therefore there is little inevitability that a book of this kind should have been produced. On the contrary it took great courage on part of the poets who consented to appear in the anthology and on part of the small press who published it.
Yours truly,
PADRAIC FIACC, Editor,
The Wearing Of The Black,
The Blackstaff Press Limited,
16 Donegall Square South, Belfast,
Northern Ireland.

Mr Shelepin's downfall

From Mr Frankie Rubinstein

Sir, To suggest, as does your Moscow correspondent, April 16, that the removal of Mr Shelepin from the Politburo is linked "with his recent ill-starred visit to Britain", and not with the vagaries of power struggles within the Kremlin, unavoidably brings to mind the fabled bird who thought it was his song that shook the tree.
Yours sincerely,
FRANKIE RUBINSTEIN,
Clare Hall,
Cambridge,
April 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

World food market and EEC

From Sir John Winnifrith

Sir, May I reply to the letter fro
the President of the Food and Dri
Industries Council (April 21).

I am as sad as Mr Lawren
that he should find me inaccurat
and out of date. I am probabl
both, but not in respect of the stat
ments quoted by him.

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Lawrence's solution of a snug Com
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its food, if indeed it can.

If I am inaccurate about the food available outside the Common Market, I prefer to be inaccurate in company with Mr Arthur Jones of the *Financial Times*. On March 2
he reported the slump in grain *prices expected in Kansas*. Already prices have fallen and the Common Market has had to impose levies to keep the cheaper grain out. The fall is being caused partly by a reduction in United States domestic demand. Mr Lawrence says that "food exporting countries are steadily needing a greater proportion *of their production*". This doesn't seem to be so in the United States. Is it in New Zealand?

The Food and Drink Council, who very properly are there to promote the interests of their trade, invite the British housewife to prefer the "guaranteed food supplies at stable prices" which, he *claims they will get in the Common* Market and not follow my out-of-date solution. Will they remember this winter, when we couldn't get sugar at any price, even when Queensland offered it at a lower price than that eventually fixed, as an example of guaranteed supplies? I don't know whether the Common Market *guarantees* supplies in a time of shortage. And *certainly the only stability in prices* it offers is that prices will never fall.

Cheaper food from outside the Market will either be banned, as beef now is, or let in only after paying a levy such as is imposed on butter and cheese, lamb and now cereals. When the Common Market farmers produce a surplus, the people are not allowed to get *the reduction in price which should* follow, benefiting them and correcting overproduction. Butter and beef are made into a mountain, none is turned into industrial alcohol, in order to keep the price up. Is this the stability housewives want?
Yours faithfully,
JOHN WINNIFRITH,
Hallhouse Farm,
Appledore, Ashford, Kent.
April 22.

Farmers and wealth tax

From Mr R. M. Abel Smith

Sir, There appears to be a political and economic contradiction between the Government's White Paper on expansion of home food production and the Government's Green Paper *on wealth tax*.

It is good that the White Paper acknowledges the need to reduce food imports by expansion of home agriculture. There has been a 70 per cent expansion in this industry in 30 years and this in spite of losing 60 *per cent of* the labour force and 0,000 acres each year over the eriod.

The wealth tax proposals, how ver, must mean a withdrawal of apital from the agricultural indus ry just when injections of capital re essential for the expansion sked for by the Government. A rmer may have on paper a high sset value for his land but does not ive by *this non-liquid asset; rather* is on the yearly profitability of is farming operations on which oth his standard of life and his bility to expand must depend.

Maybe the first year or two's ealth tax levy can, in some cases, e met from surplus cash, which hould be recycled into the farming *perations, but after that there can* e no expansion and only a slow rangulation. The suggestion in the ealth tax proposals that payment an be postponed until death or ale, meanwhile attracting interest, s not an acceptable answer. It *ould defer liability and meanwhile* he farmer would only know that e is incurring each year an nacceptable burden for himself and his family.

I appreciate the need for a tax eview in the light of changing political, social and economic conditions but for the Government to *exhort with one voice* and deplete the means of fulfilling this exhortation by another voice is a contradiction that just does not make sense.
Yours faithfully,
R. M. ABEL SMITH,
Woodhall Park,
Hertford,
Hertfordshire.

Home production

From Mr Michael Heybrook

Sir, As a farmer producing cereals, beef, lamb, and pototoes I would like to argue that with today's costs and returns the proposals of the Government White Paper (Cmnd 6020) are pure wishful thinking. I am still realizing lower prices for my cattle and wheat than two years ago, and the market for lamb has always *been tied to the beef market* as straight price substitution takes *place. Meanwhile costs* have all at least doubled in this time.

Furthermore even if one was trading at a level of profit which gave a fair return on capital, which few are able to do at present, there would be no incentive to invest further capital into expanding a business when this merely increases one's liability for capital taxation through capital gains tax, capital *transfer tax and eventually through* the proposed wealth tax.

I do not know of any farmers who are intending to expand production after the last disastrous two years, and I think many farmers are fully aware that increased production and constant nagging surpluses in one commodity after another are the greatest menaces to overall profitability in the industry, and the logic of this is that from now on regardless of the blandishments of governments the aim of the industry must be to restrict production to prevent surpluses ever occurring.

The memory of the dairy herd conversion scheme and the invitations of the Government to expand beef production with the crash that followed are still too recent to be forgotten. Unless cast iron guarantees are offered I for one will contract my output right across the *board as any expansion is far too* risky.
Yours faithfully,
M. B. HEYBROOK,
Manor Farm,
Chearsley,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.

Taxing works of art

From Mr Philip Broadbridge

Sir, Mr Hugh Leggatt's example (April 16) of the wild variations in the value of a *Stubbs painting* well illustrates the insoluble difficulty of *equitable administration* of a wealth tax on antiques and works of art.

There being at the time no conceivable purpose in deliberate undervaluation there is no reason whatever to suppose that the original owner's valuation of that painting at £80 was anything but genuine. Let us, however, assume that he had *owned the painting for 20 years*; that during the whole of that period a wealth tax had been in operation and that the owner's net wealth was such as to incur a rate of tax of 1 per cent. The tax on this painting would, therefore, have been 80p per annum or £16 over the period. Under these circumstances, however, there would have been every incentive to undervaluation. What, therefore, would have been the attitude of the Inland Revenue when the painting turned out to command £24,000 in the open market in 1965? Would they have assumed an undervaluation during the whole of the previous 20 years and demanded arrears of tax? And if so, at what rate and on what figure?

If they alleged that the undervaluation had been deliberate would they have applied the penal rate applicable to false income tax returns, and if a valuation in the region of £24,000 had brought the taxpayer's net wealth into the next tax bracket would the basic rate of tax be increased accordingly? Furthermore anyone remotely familiar with the market knows that had the painting been sold in 1945 or 1955 the price would have borne no relation whatever to the £24,000 obtained in 1965; in any case what is the relevance of £24,000 when Mr Leggatt himself obtained a yet higher price within much less than a year?

And what if Mr Leggatt's figures had been reversed and, over 20 years, tax had been paid on a value of £24,000 (ie, at 1 per cent, a total of £4,800) and the 1965 sale price had only been £80? That is a situation that is by no means as fanciful as at first appears. In the first place experience shows that valuations of personal property, although occasionally revealing unsuspected treasure, far more frequently shows the most prized of possessions to be virtually worthless and self-assessment to have been hopelessly optimistic. Secondly, it is not unknown for pictures genuinely attributed even by experts to famous artists to be subsequently proved to be clever but comparatively worthless fakes. And thirdly, the market does not always move upwards as was so dramatically illustrated a few years ago in the case of antique silver. In such cases of tax paid year by year on grossly optimistic values, is the taxpayer to be entitled to rebate, and if so on what basis?
Yours faithfully,
PHILIP BROADBRIDGE, Secretary,
London and Provincial Antique
Dealers' Association,
173 Bermondsey Street, SE1.
April 21.

Man and nature

From Professor R. S. Scorer

Sir, We need not so much principles of the kind proposed by the Dean of Windsor (*Times*, April 22, "Legal control of the oceans") as a revised basis for morality. He refers to the "animal, vegetable and mineral produce" of the oceans and wants "the greatest part of the world's usable resources of the ocean and sea bed to be treated as the common heritage of *mankind*". These phrases betray an utterly *anthropocentric philosophy*.

As a scientist one must protest when technology is put at the service of the naked ape without putting him in his proper natural place. As a humanist one must express revulsion at the idea that man is given dominion over the earth. He may try to take it, but we are a part of nature, and our present predicament stems from our uncontrolled expansion. Overpopulation threatens not only the heights of our culture; it puts vast numbers in danger of squalor and starvation and is likely to spoil much natural beauty.

The Dean's principles serve merely to apportion more efficiently and fairly the human right to depredation of the world, and unless moralists question that very right and are motivated by a love which exends beyond humanity and generates a humility before nature, the prospect for our own children and grandchildren is full of unpleasantness.

What worries me is the Dean's apparent blindness to the presumptuousness of his approach.
Yours faithfully,
R. S. SCORER,
Professor of Theoretical Mechanics,
Imperial College of Science and
Technology,
Department of Mathematics,
Exhibition Road, SW7.

Black Paper on education

From Mr R. P. Welch

Sir, Your Black Paper leader (April 21) has itself the good and bad qualities *which it points out in the Paper* and in the 11+ problem.

Firstly it puts the finger on the whole crux of the comprehensive debate: that neither a grammar/secondary scheme nor a fully comprehensive scheme is necessarily ideal for all conditions. The decision should be left to the local authorities with encouragement from the government to work out what is best *for the children, not the politicians.* Generally comprehensive education is thoroughly viable in reasonably balanced communities with a good social mix. Where the system may fail is in large run-down urban areas with the school serving one section of the population.

The ideal of a social mix is lost *and with it may go the chance of* true academic achievement for some of the pupils. In some cases therefore, in order to get nearer to achieving what the comprehensive principle sets out to provide, a fair chance for everyone, one has either *to resort to busing or, preferably* I think, stick to the grammar/secondary set up for the *time being*. Buckinghamshire has, I suspect, no such areas.

Secondly your leader offers some dubious advice which seems to suggest a widening of the middle school idea. Be sure that the introduction of *three tiers* has advantages in some areas, particularly where a *child can attend three smaller* schools rather than two very large ones. However in country areas viable village schools can become too small if they are chopped at 8+ or 9+.

Buckinghamshire here has set an excellent example to other authorities. When the school leaving age was raised they changed the date of transfer from 11+ to 12+ and kept the children in their new combined schools for another year. This was, I imagine, a cheaper way to build the extra places but has great positive advantages in keeping the child in the primary environment for a year longer.

The growth of education in this country has developed, until re*cently, along local lines to suit local* needs. The influence of county and town hall must carry its former weight at Whitehall.
Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WELCH, Headmaster,
Hormead C of E Primary School,
Great Hormead,
Hertfordshire.
April 22

From Mr P. A. McNamee

Sir May I, as parent, teacher and school manager, contribute something to the discussion on the latest Black Paper?

Three developments in education, none of them harmful in itself, have coincided, with resulting damage to education. They are: (1) th novation avalanche; (2) the i plication of promotion opportuni within schools, particularly at mary level; and (3) reorganizati

The two latter developments ha had a most unsettling effect o reachers. Hopes of promotion an then further promotion have bre restlessness, worsened by the feel ing of insecurity attendant, whether justifiably or not, on reorganization, often long delayed.

Now, some of the innovations *tried out in schools* have been good, some not so good, and some downright bad. Under happier circumstances the good would have had every chance to be identified and retained while the less good and the bad would have been filtered *out. This is not happening*, for the simple reason that in education as it is now new ideas have little hope of being considered on their merits.

When a local education authority is smitten with the urge to experiment with an innovation it selects what it is *likely* to regard as a "good" school for its purpose. The head of the "good" school, flattered and anxious to please, having promotion in mind (the headship of a middle school, perhaps, when reorganization is completed), will be unable to conceal from his staff that he would like the results to *chime with the authority's hopes*. The staff, also promotion-minded and aware that for all practical purposes promotion within the school is in the gift of the head, will feel pressurized to achieve the desired end. This results in "false feedback" and an appearance of success for the experiment which may be unreal.

A frequent accompaniment of "false feedback" is massive "window-dressing" — spectacular wall display and striking models credited to but not always made by the children. It pleases the head, it pleases visiting representatives from the education office, and it *smooths the path to promotion*.

The darker side of this phenomenon is that subjects which lend themselves to display tend to be favoured while those which do not may be neglected. The Bullock Report on reading missed this by no means negligible possibility.

On the other hand the Houghton Report, by encouraging the promotion scramble still further, is likely to lead to a further decline in real standards.

This is not an attempt at an easy diagnosis of all the ills of education. It is merely a hint from an experienced, practising classroom teacher that there may be factors in the situation which the experts, both pro- and anti-Black Paper, may have missed.
Yours faithfully,
P. A. McNAMEE,
10 Argyle Road,
Swanage,
Dorset.

Public lending right

From Mr Robert Cooke, Conservative MP for Bristol, West

Sir, Many of us in Parliament share the frustration of authors at the further postponement of Mr Hugh Jenkins's Bill on Public Lending Right.

On March 4 I was told in the Commons that "Good progress with the *preparation of the Bill is being made* with a view to its early introduction". By April 17 another member is told that "further studies and practical tests are needed before conclusions can be reached on the precise methods to be adopted for the implementation of a right.... Clear indications are expected by *the autumn*".

One is left with the strong suspicion that the Budget has something to do with this delay. Estimates differ of the cost to public funds of a public lending right for authors and the Chancellor is in no mood for further open-ended subsidies.

Perhaps a self-financing scheme *ought to be considered. Copyright* now normally runs for 50 years *following an author's death*. If it were extended to 60 years and the extra royalties put into a Public Lending Right fund to help living authors, there would be no charge on the exchequer.

We shall, of course, be told that *copyright is not Mr Hugh Jenkins's* ministerial responsibility but this *should not prevent* his taking a broad view. Unless the arts are to wither away in subsidized isolation they must be related to the rest of life.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT COOKE,
House of Commons,
April 22.

In new colours

From Lord Esher

Sir, Congratulations to those responsible at the GLC for Charing Cross bridge's new livery, latest and best in a happy series. It is marvellous *that this old monster, execrated* by generations of London aesthetes, should have become a joy at last.
Yours faithfully,
ESHER,
82 Sloane Street, SW1.
April 22.

A doctor's loyalties

From Dr A. L. Jacobs

Sir, The ideal proclaimed by Dr *Seale and his colleagues (April 18)* of founding an establishment which *is to rival the Mayo Clinic in its* dedication to the medical sciences is a noble one. The medical world will await with impatience the stream of outstanding medical publications which is certain to begin flowing in the fullness of time. The writers of this letter, with commendable resraint, have allowed themselves only brief mention of their humility and compassion. Their exposition of the moral imperatives which have inspired their devotion to private consultant practice is truly impressive.

But *was it necessary for them to* disparage a not inconsiderable body *of their consultant colleagues* by alleging that "the primary responsibility of the full-time doctor employed by the state is not to the patient but to the state"? As one who worked full-time in the hospital service for 40 years, for nearly 30 of them with consultant rank, I resent and repudiate this gratuitous *insult*.

I do not claim any particular credit for having devoted the whole of my professional energies to the care of my hospital patients or for having forgone the additional financial rewards of private practice. I willingly endure the crushing sense of moral inferiority which afflicts me *every time I have to walk down* Harley Street. But I must protest *when my professional integrity is* called into question.
Yours faithfully,
A. L. JACOBS (formerly consultant physician Whittington Hospital, London),
126 Nether Street, N3.

The right to vote

From Mr Angus Nicol

Sir, Mr Allery's notion of "no representation without taxation" (April 15) would exclude from the right to vote all those over 18 whose incomes are so low that they pay no income tax: the unemployed, bankrupts, single persons with an income up to £675 pa, married per*sons with no children receiving up* to £955, with one child up to £1,155, all married women not separately assessed, and so on. It would be simpler to have a fixed property qualification if such a plutocracy is not to be too complicated, though it is hard to believe that the idea would command much support nowadays.

Or does Mr Allery include indirect taxation as qualifying a person to vote? If so, then all foreign visitors who buy anything subject to VAT will be eligible. It would be impossibly difficult to check everyone's qualification.

The proposition also involves the *assumption that those who live* abroad have no taxable assets here and never visit Britain.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant
ANGUS NICOL,
10 Lamont Road, SW10.
April 22.

What is a luxury?

From Mr John Duncan Miller

Sir, Your correspondents have been enjoying themselves at the expense of the Chancellor of the Exchequer for classifying washing machines as "luxuries". But I am afraid they have been reading only the [illegible] (including, I am sorry to see your own) and have not bothered to study the budget speech itself.

According to your report Mr. Healey's words were: "I recognize that very few classes of goods are now generally accepted to be luxuries. Their sales are limited and, because of this, a higher rate of tax restricted to such goods would produce relatively little additional revenue. It is therefore inevitable that the higher rate has also to cover some goods which are used in most homes."

After many years during which Chancellors of both parties have talked as if all goods that anyone could possibly want to buy were *luxuries I find it refreshing that* there should at last be one who is aware how times have changed. This is surely a matter for congratulation rather than jokes.
Yours, etc.,
JOHN DUNCAN MILLER,
63 Addison Road, W14.
April 22.

Paul Scott
A Division of the Spoils
5th May

Gore Vidal
Myron

Margery Sharp
The Faithful Servants

Wilbur Smith
The Eye of the Tiger

Michael Holroyd
Augustus John
Vol: 2
The Years of Experience

Colin Thubron
Journey into Cyprus

David Buchanan
The Treasure of Auchinleck
The story of the Boswell Papers

Heinemann

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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 23: The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Earl and Countess of Antrim, the Lord and Lady Nugent of Guildford, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Jenkins and the Chief Rabbi and Mrs Jakobovits have left the Castle.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, with Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince Andrew and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, were present this morning at the Service of Thanksgiving in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, to mark the opening of the celebrations of the Chapel's Quincentenary.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Mrs Angus Ogilvy and the Hon Angus Ogilvy, Captain Alexander and the Hon Mrs Ramsay, Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone and the Lady May Abel Smith and Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith were also present.

The Service of Thanksgiving was conducted by the Dean of Windsor and the Archbishop of Canterbury preached the sermon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently gave a luncheon party.

The Queen this afternoon invested Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester with the Insignia of a Dame Grand Cross of the Civil Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

Her Majesty invested The Duke of Gloucester with the Insignia of the Grand Prior of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Jacques (Lord in Waiting) this morning called upon The President of Botswana at the Hyde Park Hotel and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed His Excellency upon arrival in London.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 23: The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at the St George's Day Dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company at Armoury House, EC1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
April 23: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Shakespeare Birthday Gala Concert in aid of Oxfam and the World Centre for Shakespeare Studies, at the Royal Festival Hall.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will be present at the Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey on June 13. Later they will attend a reception given by the Commonwealth Secretary General at Marlborough House.

Princess Anne, as a freeman, and Captain Mark Phillips will attend a court ladies' dinner of the Fishmongers' Company at Fishmongers' Hall, London, on June 11.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend an Ash (Action on Smoking and Health) conference at the King's Fund Hospital Centre on May 8.

Princess Alexandra will be present at a dinner at Guildhall to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Law Society on June 3.

A memorial service for President Chiang Kai-shek will be held at the American Church in London, 13 North Audley Street, W1, on April 25 at 1 pm.

A memorial service for Lord Reid, QC, will be held in the Temple Church, on Tuesday, May 20, 1975, at 4.45 pm.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Bishop of Gloucester, will be held in the chapel at Forest School, Snaresbrook, on Sunday May 4, at 11.30 am.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. R. das Neves and the Hon A. M. A. Grey
The engagement is announced between José, elder son of Senhor and Senhora Luis Simao das Neves, of Lisbon, Portugal, and Amanda, daughter of Lord and Lady Grey of Naunton, of Overbrook, Naunton, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. O. W. Betts and Miss F. C. Mathew
The engagement is announced between Paul Otto William, son of Mr and Mrs George Betts, of Les Dauphins, Monaco, and Fiona Catherine, the daughter of the late Francis Mathew and of Mrs Francis Mathew, of Les Roses de France, Théoule sur Mer, France.

Mr H. D. B. Clarke-Smith and Miss C. M. Quy
The engagement is announced between Bevis, son of the late Mr D. A. Clarke-Smith and of Mrs C. R. Clarke-Smith, of Withyham, Sussex, and Christine, only daughter of Mr G. Quy, of Woking, Surrey, and of the late Mrs M. Quy.

Mr P. J. Dykes and Miss E. C. Goulder
The engagement is announced between Philip John, son of Mr and Mrs C. N. Dykes, of Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside, and Elizabeth Clare, daughter of the Rev M. D. and Mrs Goulder, of 51 Valentine Road, Birmingham.

Mr C. M. Keville and Mrs V. A. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Christopher Morley, youngest son of Sir Errington and Lady Keville, of Stroud Close, Grayswood, Surrey, and Virginia Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Riddle, of The Old Haven, Itchenor, Sussex.

Marriages

Mr B. D. Tierney and Miss C. E. Taylor
The marriage took place in Kensington on April 15 between Mr Brian Tierney and Miss Christine Taylor.

Mr J. R. Tillard and Miss E. A. McCaig
The marriage took place on April 19, in St Peter's Church, Zermatt, Switzerland, of Rob, younger son of Brigadier J. A. S. Tillard and the late Mrs Tillard, of Southam, Chailey, Sussex, and Ann, daughter of Mrs Pat McCaig and the late Rev McCaig, of Alverstone, Swanmore, Southampton. The bride was attended by Miss Melinda Tillard.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, April 24, 1950

Dean's peace tour

From Our Correspondent
Sydney, April 23.—"Peace buttons" mounted on cards sold for up to £A10 each in Sydney today when Dr Hewlett Johnson, the Dean of Canterbury, addressed a crowd estimated at 7,000. Most of the buttons, which were autographed by Dr Johnson, brought between £A1 and £A4. Fifty police patrolled the area, and there were several altercations, in one of which a young man had an ear torn off. More than 7,000 heard Dr Johnson preach the sermon tonight at the Anglican St Andrew's Cathedral, when he thanked the people of New South Wales for raising £A10,000 for the restoration of Canterbury Cathedral. He then spoke on the lines of his speech to the waterside workers [about the entry of Chinese], went on to hydrogen bombs, the "miracles" which he expected to see in China in the next five years, and finally his complaint that he probably would miss a Toronto peace conference because of the American consulate's refusal of a visa to travel through Honolulu.

Birthdays today

Field Marshal Sir Michael Carver, 60; Sir Gordon Cox, 69; Sir Charles Empson, 77; Mr Clement Freud, MP, 51; Dame Helen Gardiner, 74; Rear-Admiral Sir Joseph Henley, 66; Mr Jack Hulbert, 83; Admiral Sir John McKaig, 53; Colonel Sir Stuart Mallinson, 87; Sir Roy Matthews, 74; Sir Arnet Robinson, 77; Sir Martin Roseveare, 77; Sir Richard Woolley, 69.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester visits Staffordshire, 10.45.
Painting in Focus: The Supper at Emmaus, by Caravaggio, National Gallery, 10-6.
Talk: "Chinese ceramics from Han to the T'ang Dynasty", Veronica Lieven, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30.
British Library exhibition: "Darwins and Cornfords", British Museum, 10-5.
Lunchtime Music: Organ recital by Martyn Parry, St Mary-at-Hill, Billingsgate, 1.15.

Rugby School

Trinity Term begins at Rugby School today, with 725 boys on the register. C. R. Walker is head of the school and captain of cricket. Exeat will be on June 6 to 9, and the Marlborough match will be played at Marlborough on July 8 and 9. Speeches will be on July 12, and term will end on July 13.

British Museum

The students' rooms of the department of prints and drawings and the department of oriental antiquities at the British Museum will be closed from April 28 to May 10.

Requiem Mass

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Rupert Dering
Requiem Mass for Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Rupert Anthony Yea Dering was celebrated by Father C. Waller at the Church of the Divine Motherhood and St Francis, Midhurst, Sussex, yesterday. Among those present were:
Lady Dering (widow), Mr and Mrs J. Fredman (son-in-law and daughter), Lady Burnett, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. Turner, Mr and Mrs A. Irvin, Mr and Mrs D. FitzGerald, Mrs H. Stratton, Miss J. Druce, Viscount Cowdray (representing Cowdray Park Polo Club), Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Reekie (representing the Colonel of The King's Own Scottish Borderers) and Brigadier Frank Coutts.

Sandhurst entry

The following have been selected for the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and will enter today:
K. D. Arnold, Abersychan GS, Gwent; D. E. Barrow, Wittingham Boys' S; G. A. Beaumont, Belmont Abbey S; G. Beazley, Tonbridge S; R. I. Blackburn, Cranleigh S; R. A. Boyle, Stamford Coll HS, Ontario; R. C. F. Braybrook, Charterhouse; M. I. N. Brennan, Sherborne S; C. M. Broadbent, Oakham S; I. A. H. R. Campbell, Stowe S; T. G. Campbell, Cranleigh S; N. R. G. Chavasse, Stowe S; P. H. Davies, Esher Co GS; J. H. Dent, Bath University; H. P. de Pentheny O'Kelly, Khamilaba S, S Africa; J. P. N. Dessain, Downside S; W. H. D. Dunnett, Harrow S; J. A. Flie, Eton C; M. D. Flecchia, Wadham CS, Crewkerne; A. W. Foster, Sherborne S; H. R. G. Fulton, Haileybury C; P. H. C. Furness-Smith, Applegarth S, Godalming; H. N. D. Gill, Northampton GS; M. F. D. Glass, Tonbridge S; W. R. G. Hanmer, Wellington C; A. P. Harris, Boldmere HS, Sutton Coldfield; J. C. P. Herriott, Harrow S; C. D. Hogan, Battersea GS; C. P. Hopkinson, Eastbourne C; A. C. D. Jardine, Charterhouse; P. M. Jenkins, Doual S; R. J. Lawes, Alfred Colfox S, Bridport; A. W. Ledger, Pangbourne C; S. W. Ledger, Pangbourne C; G. R. Livingstone, Hollywood SS, Ashford; M. R. J. Lowe, Brighton Poly; R. H. C. Lucas, Caterham S; C. J. A. Lyne Pirkis, Westminster S; A. R. Macdonald, St Nicholas GS, Middlesex; J. A. McCulloch, Haileybury C; A. G. I. Meeson, Preston Catholic C; R. J. D. Metcalfe, Stowe S; I. R. Mosedale, Felixstowe GS; S. L. Naile, Exeter S; D. G. E. Naylor-Leyland, Eton C; M. H. Parker, Eton C; P. T. C. Pearson, St Edward's S, Oxford; D. C. Pemberton, Uppingham S; J. A. Penn, Harper Adams Agric C; W. de B. Prichard, Wellington C; M. J. Roscorla, Treswithian S; N. J. E. Riall, All Hallows S; C. P. L. Sandbach, All Hallows S; R. Schuler, Chalvedon CS, Pitsea; C. M. H. Shale, Oakham S; H. O. P. Stephens, Charterhouse; R. R. T. I. Stringer, Seale Hayne Agric C; C. Strong, Kirkham GS; M. Swetman, Eccleshall HS, Sheffield; A. H. Tayler, Wellington C; J. W. R. Thorn, Repton S; L. C. Toureau, Cardinal Newman's, Hove; M. J. Trueman, Gosport GS; P. A. Wallace-Tarry, W Oxford Tech C; A. M. Whaley, Guildford Co C of Tech; R. M. Winfield, Carlton Le Willows Tech GS; P. J. Wright, Magdalen CS.

Latest wills

Mr Harold Thomas (John) Gregson, of Shepperton, the film and television actor, who died intestate, left £42,628 net (no duty shown).

Mr Arthur Lockwood Hutchinson, of Maidenhead, chief assistant to managing director, BBC Radio and formerly on the foreign staff of *The Times*, left £31,176 net (duty paid, £1,126).

Mrs Annie Chown, of Harpenden, left £120,300 net (duty paid, £2,256). After personal legacies of £32,700 she left the residue equally to six charities.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):
Cockerill, Mr Ronald Shepherd, of Dunnington, Yorkshire, managing director (duty paid, £24,358) £183,068
Maybanks, Mr Edgar, of Pinner £109,201

Church news

Latest appointments:
The Rev Glyn K. G. Griffith, curate of Coity, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, diocese of Llandaff, to be priest-in-charge of Heage, Belper, diocese of Derby.
The Rev T. P. Hearn, Rector of Stratton with Baunton, diocese of Gloucester, to be Vicar of France Lynch, same diocese.
The Rev M. J. Leefield, Vicar of Trowse and Arminghall and Rector of Caistor with Markshall, diocese of Norwich, to be Vicar of Lydney with Aylburton, diocese of Gloucester.
The Rev W. N. Letheren, Vicar of St Michael's, Liverpool, to be Vicar of St James's, West Derby, diocese of Liverpool.
The Rev R. F. Nash, priest-in-charge of Sharpness with Purton and Brookend, diocese of Gloucester, to be Rector of Dymock with Donnington, same diocese.
The Rev K. Newbon, curate-in-charge of Cressage with Sheinton, diocese of Hereford, to be Vicar of Braunstone, diocese of Leicester.
The Rev M. C. Scott-Joynt, team vicar in the Newbury team ministry, diocese of Oxford, to be priest-in-charge of Bicester, same diocese.
The Rev W. W. Woolley, Vicar of St Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, diocese of Lichfield, to be priest-in-charge of Church Eaton and Bradeley, same diocese.
The Rev D. A. Wilson, curate of St George and St Barnabas's, Douglas, Isle of Man, diocese of Sodor and Man, to be Vicar of Lonan, same diocese.

Turner bicentenary

A service to mark the bicentenary of the birth of J. M. W. Turner was held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral. Mrs Helen Woodruff, a descendant of the painter, laid a spray of spring flowers on his grave in the crypt.

St George's lives up to tradition as the Queen opens year of celebration

From Philip Howard
Windsor

This may not at first seem the aptest time to celebrate English nationalism. But on St George's Day yesterday the Queen started a grand summer of quincentenary celebrations for the building that has become the central shrine of English royalty and so of English nationhood: St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

All the members of the Royal Family who are in this country attended a service, with eminent representatives of the English name from the oldest to the youngest: Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, and Lady Spencer-Churchill, who were born just over 400 years after rebuilding of the chapel began; Dame Flora Robson, who is playing at the Theatre Royal, Windsor: Prince Andrew, Prince Edward, and their cousin, Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones.

Leaders of the other main churches in England, some of them with decidedly un-English titles such as the Metropolitan of Sourozh, came to such a function in St George's for the first time.

The latest and greatest Perpendicular Gothic church ever built has arrived at its preeminence for the English nation by ironic accidents of history. The George to whom it is dedicated is presumed to have been a Roman soldier of Middle Eastern extraction, who was martyred for his faith, so slaying a metaphorical dragon of evil.

Edward IV, who rebuilt the chapel from 1475 for a generation, was something of a gangster usurper, obsessed with heroic visions of military glory and chivalry. Certainly one of his motives in founding St George's was to outshine Eton College chapel and foundation, the great memorials of his saintly and murdered predecessor, Henry VI, whom he had supplanted.

Edward's will, read at the service, simply directs that the rebuilding of the chapel is to be thoroughly finished in all things, and that he himself is to be buried low in the ground within it. It does not discuss motives.

In a sermon the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, suggested that, whatever Edward's intentions, over the past five centuries the chapel had come to be a glorious and powerful reminder of two never-changing truths: that service and faith go together and that knowledge alone is inadequate to explain man's life and destiny.

Dr Coggan said: "We in the twentieth century are aware of sinister forces abroad in ourselves, in our nation, and in the world; forces with which knowledge alone cannot deal. Without the truth about worship, service and faith, epitomized by this great chapel, we are in bondage, however sophisticated we may be."

The Dean of Windsor, Dr Fleming, led the congregation in thanksgiving for five centuries of history and worship at Windsor. The choir sang music, much of it composed by previous organists of St George's, as the choir of St George's should; that is to say, in the highest tradition of English choral music, which the chapel has been setting since its foundation.

A new setting of the "Te Deum", composed by Philip Cannon for the occasion had been commissioned by the Queen. After the service the Queen greeted the children of the community of St George's at the foot of the great west steps, and gave a lunch for the chapel community.

Celebrations will continue for the rest of the summer with much supreme music, and a uniquely rich exhibition of the chapel's treasures never shown publicly before.

The ancient Windsor activity of selling souvenirs to Londoners who come down on pilgrimage still thrives. The exhibition will include medieval leaden pilgrim badges commemorating the miracle-working bones of John Schorn, a local rector believed to have conjured the devil into a boot, so originating the toy known as a jack-in-the-box.

His remains were once St George's greatest tourist attraction, held in veneration as a protector against ague and gout, and as a consoler of sufferers from toothache.

Woman Lord Lieutenant: Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk has been appointed Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex. She is the first woman to hold the office in an English county (a Staff Reporter writes). She succeeds her husband, the sixteenth duke who died, aged 66, at their home at Arundel, on January 31 after holding the office for many years.

Statute prevents her from being described as "lady lieutenant" but she foresees no difficulties in being the first woman lord lieutenant. The duchess told me: "I am very pleased and highly honoured, though surprised at being the first woman. It never entered into my mind that I should be appointed. My duties will be the same as any other lord lieutenant."

£1,417 for single photograph puts Robinson in top class

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A single photograph by Henry Peach Robinson was sold at Christie's yesterday for £1,417.50 (estimate £150 to £250) to an anonymous bidder. This is the third highest auction price on record for any individual print, and puts Robinson somewhat on a financial part with Julia Margaret Cameron; the highest recorded auction price for a Cameron photograph is £1,500. Robinson has never previously been thought of in this class, although Christie's had two later albums in January at £2,940 and £1,890.

Yesterday's photograph depicting a consumptive girl in a chair had a rather special significance in relation to Robinson's work. His special claim to fame as a photographer was his effort to combine negatives to produce a scene artistically parallel to that of contemporary genre painters. His first composite image entitled "Fading Away" was produced in 1858 and engendered much controversy; Prince Albert immediately made a standing order for a print of each pictorial image he produced. Yesterday's consumptive girl is the central figure of "Fading Away"; in the final image a woman has been introduced behind her chair and a man standing by the window. Thus yesterday's photograph was the starting point of one of the most famous nineteenth-century photographic images.

The rest of the photographic sale brought the usual keen bidding but no similarly exceptional prices. The top price was £4,200 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) for an album of 40 carbon prints by Thomas Annan, made between 1868 and 1877 and entitled "Old Glasgow". At the end of the sale proper a group of 24 lots were sold on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery; they comprised photographs and photographic material in aid of the campaign to raise £52,000 for the historic Herschel Album of Julia Margaret Cameron Photographs. Yesterday's sale raised £465.

Christie's also held a sale of fine jewels which attracted the buovant prices that have become familiar over the past few months, but there was no sign of panic bidding to beat hyper-inflation. The top price was £10,500 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000) for an 8.03 carat brilliant-cut diamond mounted as a ring; a necklace composed of 48 graduated diamond collets made £9,000 (estimate £6,500).

Sotheby's held their first wine sale since the Budget but the increase in duty appeared to make no impact on prices. It was still a buyer's market, and the fact that some people may have been stocking up to beat the Budget may have meant less bidding yesterday. Nice 1973 estate-bottled German wines went as low as £9 a case.

Sotheby's Old Master sale contained one surprise price, a still-life of flowers catalogued as "Verelst" estimated at £250 to £350, which was sold to Leonard Koetser at £4,000.

Large furniture. Phillips yesterday sold the contents of Duckyls Park, West Hoathly, Sussex, for a total of £30,510. Among the highest prices were two lots of very large furniture, which normally might be expected to find a difficult market in the London sale room: a pair of 8ft 6in high mahogany bookcases of Chippendale design went for £1,600 to Brooks, and a large mahogany break-front wardrobe of architectural design went to Wheland for £1,200.

OBITUARY

SIR GODFREY DRIVER

Work for New English Bible

Sir Godfrey Driver, CBE, MC, Professor of Semitic Philology at Oxford from 1938 to 1962, died on Tuesday at the age of 82.

Driver's immense learning made an important contribution to the New English Bible. Just as his father had been a moving spirit in the work of the Revised Version, so from 1947, when the new project began, Driver devoted himself heart and soul to the Old Testament part of the work and in 1965 became Joint Director, with C. H. Dodd, of the whole enterprise.

His great knowledge of Semitic languages enabled him to make many quite new suggestions as to the meaning of rare words and the finished Old Testament of the New English Bible bears his strong impress both in scholarship and in language. It was wholly appropriate that in 1968 he was knighted.

Godfrey Rolles Driver, son of the late Rev Samuel Rolles Driver, DD, Regius Professor of Hebrew and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, was educated at Winchester and New College, entering both as a scholar. He became a Fellow of Magdalen in 1919, and served his college as Classical Tutor, Librarian and Vice-President.

In 1928 he was appointed Reader in Comparative Semitic Philology, and 10 years later the title of Professor was conferred upon him. He retired from his Chair in 1962. He was a most loyal son of both his college and his university in whose affairs he maintained a keen and active interest.

While he was still at school Driver assisted the late Sir Arthur Cowley with the proofs of the second edition of Gesenius's *Hebrew Grammar* (1910). After a distinguished record at Oxford in classics—he gained Gaisford Prizes for Greek Prose and Verse—Hebrew and Semitic studies increasingly claimed his attention. As an undergraduate he had already won the Junior Hall-Houghton Prize for Septuagint and the Pusey and Ellerton Hebrew Scholarship, and after graduation he was awarded the Senior Kennicott Hebrew Scholarship.

He remained throughout his life a fine classical scholar, but it was in the field of Hebrew and Semitic studies that he came to be recognized by scholars the world over as a foremost authority. Both in range and depth his knowledge of ancient Semitic languages was remarkable, and for over 40 years he made an outstanding contribution, in books, articles, and reviews, to the elucidation of the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and of other ancient Semitic documents.

Three early books, all published in 1925, already revealed his mastery in the field of Semitic languages. They were *Letters of the First Babylonian Dynasty*, *A Grammar of the Colloquial Arabic of Syria and Palestine*, and *Nestorius, The Bazaar of Heracleides* (edited from the Syriac text jointly with Dr L. Hodgson). Collaboration with Sir John Miles resulted in the publication 10 years later of *The Assyrian Laws*, to which were added in due course two volumes, *The Babylonian Laws* (1952, 1955), all works of the highest scholarship and indispensable for the study of ancient Near Eastern law codes.

With *Problems of the Hebrew Verbal System* (1936), a subject in which Driver was wont to confess a traditional interest—his father's book on the Hebrew tenses was published in a third edition in 1892—he b[...] prominently to the not[...] English readers the view [...] cated especially by som[...] man scholars, that Hebr[...] a mixed language, an[...] showed how the Hebrew [...] system, as well as othe[...] ments in the language, [...] from eastern and w[...] strands of Semitic. His b[...] as was his father's befor[...] a landmark in the hist[...] the study of the subject.

In *Semitic Writing*, [...] Schweich Lectures for [...] (second edition 1958) brought a fresh approach [...] study of the alphabet. [...] argued strongly for a clos[...] nexion between the Eg[...] hieroglyphic system of w[...] and the Phoenician script. Sinaitic script was no[...] believed, the missing [...] between them, but one li[...] a complex chain of de[...] ment.

Scarcely any discover[...] ancient documents, wh[...] seals, sherds, tablets, or s[...] escaped Driver's attention. [...] tablets from Ras Shamra [...] pied him for many years. [...] edition of the collectio[...] 1956 (*Canaanite Myths* [...] *Legends*).

When the Dead Sea s[...] were found, Driver at [...] entered the fray. With [...] passing of time his views [...] them changed radically. [...] it was decided to publis[...] edition of the collectio[...] Aramaic documents acquir[...] the Curators of the Bod[...] Library in 1943-44, which [...] already been worked on to [...] extent by other scholars, final editing of them wa[...] trusted to Driver. His ed[...] appeared in 1954 (*Ara[...] Documents of the Fifth* [...] *tury BC*).

Driver was much in den[...] as an examiner in Old T[...] ment and Semitic subjects. [...] was Visiting Professor at [...] cago in 1925 and at Louvai[...] 1950. From 1933-40 he was J[...] Editor of the *Journal of T*[...] *logical Studies*. He was P[...] dent of the Bibliograp[...] Society (1937-38) and of [...] Society of Historical Theo[...] (1950-51) in Oxford, of [...] Society for Old Testament S[...] (1927), and of the Internati[...] Organization for the Study [...] the Old Testament (1953). F[...] 1935-39 he was Grinfield [...] turer on the *Septuagint* [...] Oxford.

He was made a Fellow of [...] British Academy in 1939, [...] honorary DD of Aberdeen (1[...] and Manchester (1956), [...] honorary DLitt of Durl[...] (1948), and an honorary Li[...] of Cambridge (1964). He [...] appointed CBE in 1958. A [...] ume of essays, to which scho[...] in many countries contribu[...] was presented to him on [...] occasion of his seventieth bi[...] day, and the autumn issue [...] the *Journal of Semitic Stud.* [...] 1962, which contained artic[...] by his former pupils, was de[...] cated to him.

He had a high sense of du[...] in all things, and he was alway[...] conscious of the debt which h[...] owed to his father, whose [...] memory he held in reverence.

Not all his time was spent i[...] his study. He saw military an[...] national service in two worl[...] wars—he won the MC in th[...] first; he found time to inspec[...] schools on behalf of the Mini[...] try of Education; and many o[...] his last years were devoted t[...] the creation of the Institut[...] of Oriental Studies in Oxford. He was a loyal churchman an[...] served on the Council of W[...] cliffe Hall, Oxford. Like hi[...] father before him, he was [...] good and valued friend an[...] contributor to *The Times*.

He married in 1924 Mad[...] leine Mary, daughter of Joh[...] Goulding, of Bridlington, an[...] had three daughters.

MR S. P. B. MAIS

Mr S. P. B. Mais, who died on Monday at the age of 89, was a prolific journalist, author, lecturer and broadcaster. As novelist and author of informal guide and travel books he had a fairly wide public, while his broadcasting manner always made him popular.

Stuart Petre Brodie Mais was educated at Denstone College and at Christ Church, Oxford, where he won two running Blues. From 1909 until 1920 he taught at, in turn, Rossall, Sherborne, and Tonbridge, his chief subject being English literature, on which he wrote several textbooks.

He was for a short spell professor of English at the RAF Cadet College at Cranwell, but met difficulties there and resigned. After a period of literary journalism on the *Daily Express* he became literary editor of the *Daily Graphic*, and from 1926 until 1931 he was on the staff of *The Daily Telegraph*.

During these years he had kept up a steady flow of books, mainly lightweight fiction. H[...] books on the appreciation [...] literature, most of them consi[...] ing of the text of broadcas[...] nevertheless exhibited a genui[...] delight in good authors and [...] sensible "middlebrow" critic[...] faculty. Together with h[...] lightly picturesque topograph[...] cal books—on Sussex, Somerse[...] the Welsh Marches, the Hom[...] Counties, they probably repr[...] sent his most satisfactory wor[...]

Mais truly cared for th[...] amenities of the countryside an[...] as a broadcaster played a us[...] ful part in the effort to pr[...] serve them. But he like[...] London as well as Sussex, wher[...] he lived for many years, and wa[...] at all times the sociable typ[...] of person.

He published, in 1937, a di[...] cursive and gossipy autobi[...] graphy, *All the Days of M[...] Life*.

A flow of books, mainly o[...] overseas travel, continued un[...] checked well into his later life[...] the last published being *Al[...] Change* in 1972.

ARMENIANS
MARCH TO COMMEMORATE THE 60th ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL 24

Armenians in London are holding a Protest March on Thursday, April 24 in memory of the 1½ million Armenians massacred in Turkey in 1915. Over 2,000 Armenians and friends are marching from Speaker's Corner, Marble Arch at 10.30 a.m. to the Turkish Embassy. The march will end at the Armenian St. Sarkis Church, Iverna Gardens, Kensington. Protest letters will be handed in at the Embassy and 10 Downing Street. Armenians will be marching all over the world: in Beirut, Athens, Rome, Paris, Los Angeles and New York.

REMEMBER APRIL 24 AND BE AT MARBLE ARCH AT 10.30 A.M.

Armenian National Committee,
17 Elmwood Road, London W4 3DY.

Latest appointments

The following are to be members of the National Development Group for the Mentally Handicapped: Mr J. R. Elliott, assistant director, King's Fund Centre; Dr G. B. Simon, consultant psychiatrist, Lea Castle Hospital, Kidderminster; Mr W. Tamkin, area nursing officer, Stockport; Mr M. W. Wren, director of social services, Solihull; Mrs Peggy Jay, chairman, north Camden Community Health Council.

Other appointments include:
Mr J. S. Wilson, a deputy assistant commissioner, Metropolitan Police, to be an assistant commissioner and Commander R. H. Anning to succeed him.
Mr John Gau, deputy editor of the BBC's *Midweek* programme, to be editor of *Nationwide*.

Luncheons

HM Government
Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House, in honour of the High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Watt. Among the guests were:
Mr Arnold Smith, the Deputy High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs McLean, Lord and Lady Porritt, Sir Thomas and Lady Brimelow, Sir Thaddeus and Lady McCarthy, Sir Max Brown, Mr and Mrs R. P. Shaw, Mr and Mrs J. Slater, Mr Bruce Grocott, MP, Mr and Mrs R. G. Lund, Mr and Mrs L. Bevan, and Mr A. C. Galsworthy.

National Maritime Museum
Admiral Sir Charles Madden, chairman of the trustees of the National Maritime Museum, and Lady Madden, with the director and Mrs Basil Greenhill, entertained the following at luncheon at the museum yesterday:
Lord and Lady Astor of Hever, Sir Nicholas and Lady Cayzer, Sir Alan and Lady Hodgkin, Mr H. H. T. Hudson, Chairman of Lloyd's, Miss Sarah Seyfried, Rear-Admiral Sir Edmund Irving, Mr Michael Wright, editor of Country Life, and Mrs Wright.

Lord Mowbray and Stourton
Lord Mowbray and Stourton, chancellor, entertained officers and members of the council of the Primrose League at luncheon at the House of Lords yesterday before the annual Grand Habitation meeting. Among those present were:
Lady Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Home of the Hirsel (grand master), and Lady Home of the Hirsel, Lord St Helens, Sir John Peyton, MP, and Mrs Peyton, Lady Gammans, Lady Roberts, Sir Graham Rowlandson, Mr John Stokes, MP, and Mrs Stokes, Mr Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, Sir William Nash, Mr Peter Hawley and Mrs Hawley (secretary).

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday entertained at luncheon at the college the following guests:
Sir Charles Duke, Mr Howard G. Hanley, Mr Morgan Man, Mr M. S. Rew, Sir Charles Wheeler, and Mr W. F. Davis.

Receptions

HM Government
Lord Beswick, Minister of State, Department of Industry, was host at a reception at Lancaster House last night in honour of delegates attending the International Conference on the establishment of an International Maritime Satellite system.

Tansley Witt & Co
The partners of Tansley Witt & Co were hosts at a reception held yesterday evening at the Chartered Accountants' Hall to celebrate the completion of 50 years' service with the firm of the senior partner, Mr Frank Sewell Bray. To mark the occasion, a presentation was made by the Archbishop of Southwark, the Most Rev Cyril Cowderoy. Among those present were:
Viscount Boyd of Merton, Sir Arthur Cockfield, Lord Goodman, the Rt Rev C. J. Henderson, Mr Kenneth Sharp, Mr E. H. S. Singleton and Mr Nigel Tansley Witt.

London House for Overseas Graduates
Sir James Paterson Ross and Dr P. L. Backus, governors of London House for Overseas Graduates, with Dr W. C. Marshall, of the London House management committee, were the hosts at the London House for Overseas Graduates medical faculty reception held yesterday at Mecklenburgh Square.

University news

Oxford
The Winter Williams Studentship has been awarded to R. O. Austin, Keble College.
The Sweet and Maxwell Book Prize for Law Moderations has been won by I. D. Grainger, University College.

London
LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS: The following grants are announced:
£15,289 from the Science Research Council to Dr A. Land, reader in operational research, to study development of computer algorithms for linear and some non-linear programming problems.
DM156,000 (about £27,700) from the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung to Professor J. W. N. Watkins (philosophy), for research on the archives of Professor Imre Lakatos.

Exeter
Dr J. W. Murray, BSc, PhD (Lond), lecturer in geology at Bristol University, has been appointed professor of geology and head of department of geology in succession to Professor Scott Simpson.

Bradford
Dr R. L. Turner, MD, BCh, consultant haematologist and consultant in cancer chemotherapy with the Bradford Group Hospitals, has been appointed honorary professor, postgraduate school of medical and surgical sciences.
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:
DTech: Mr H. Tazieff, Director of Research in Vulcanology, National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris.
DSc: Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, FRS, Professor of Astronomy, Royal Institution of Great Britain, and former Plumian Professor of Astronomy and Experimental Philosophy, Cambridge University; Professor F. C. Tompkins, FRS, Professor of Physical Chemistry, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London University; Sir Mortimer Wheeler, FRS, archaeologist.
DLitt: Professor A. J. Brown, Professor of Economics, Leeds University.
MTech: Mr D. J. B. Copp, general secretary, Institute of Biology.
MA: Mrs D. Birdsall, member, university council; Miss M. R. Goodison, former principal, Margaret McMillan College of Education, Bradford, and former member, university council; Mr C. J. Ritchie, former director of the Yorkshire and Humberside region of the British Council.

Dinners

Foreign Affairs Club
Lord Home of the Hirsel was guest of honour at the Foreign Affairs Club dinner held last night at the Waldorf Hotel. Lord Carrington, chairman of the club, presided. Other guests included:
The Ambassador for the Swiss Confederation, Lord Bridges, Sir Frank and Lady Roberts, Sir Berkeley and Lady Gage, Sir James Dunnett, Sir Douglas and Lady Busk, Sir Roy Harrod, the Hon David and Mrs Lytton Cobbold, Mr and the Hon Mrs B. H. Burns, Mr and Mrs Sidney Galt, Professor H. C. Allen, Professor W. H. Morris-Jones, Professor Robert Parker, Mr Patrick Nairne, Professor John Mackintosh, MP, Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Mr W. Benyon, MP, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Mackintosh, Mr Lionel Gelber, Mr D. B. McLean, Mr J. V. Gbeho, Dr Kurt Stöckl, Mr Patrick Honey, Mr W. N. Hugh-Jones, Mr Keith Kyle, Mr Charles Wintour, Mr Nils Revelius, Mr Kjell Rasmussen, Mr Peter Jenkin, Mr and Mrs Reginald Gadling, Mr Philip Kaiser, and Mr T. M. Rybczynski.

Corporation of London
The Corporation of London gave a dinner at Mansion House last night on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor of Quito and Señora Fina de Duran Ballen. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress and the sheriffs and their ladies received the guests. Among those present were:
Ingeniero Pedro Lopez and Señora de Lopez, Arquitecto Guillermo Perez, the Ambassador for Peru and Señora de Montagne, the Ambassador for Venezuela and Señora Pérez de la Cova, the Ambassador for Panama and Señora de Bissot, the Ambassador for Ecuador and Señora de Yeaza, the Ambassador for Bolivia and Señora de Miranda, the Ambassador for Colombia and Señora de Várquez-Carrizosa, Earl and Countess Cowley, Lord and Lady Aldenham, Sir Ian and the Hon Lady Bowater, members of the Ecuadorian community in London and people having business connexions with Ecuador, aldermen, common-councilmen and officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Society for the Study of Medical Ethics
Lord Amulree, president of the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics, gave a dinner last night at the Reform Club on the occasion of the publication of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. Among those present were:
The editor, Dr A. V. Campbell, Lord Kilbrandon, Professor Sir Martin Roth, Sir Brian Windeyer, Mr Geoffrey Phalp, Professor W. S. Peart, Professor R. Y. Calne, Canon G. R. Dunstan, Professor R. B. Welbourn, Professor A. S. Duncan, Professor C. M. Fletcher, Mr John Sedgwick, Miss Gunilla Liddle, and the Rev E. F. Shotter.

St George's Day
The City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George celebrated St George's Day with a dinner and dance at the Connaught Rooms. Mr H. Gansel Brewer was in the chair. Lord Elton, Alderman Lindsay Ring, and Alderman A. S. Jolliffe also spoke.

Earl of Selkirk
The president of the Building Societies Association (the Earl of Selkirk), yesterday entertained members of both Houses of Parliament at dinner at the House of Lords.

Strafford Club
The Strafford Club met for dinner last night at Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The president, Lord William Taylour, was in the chair, and the guest of honour was Sir Robin Hooper.

Coningsby Club
The Coningsby Club entertained Mr Edward du Cann, MP, at dinner last night at the House of Commons. Mr Michael Tugendhat was in the chair.

Service dinners

Honourable Artillery Company
The Duke of Gloucester was the guest of honour and Prince Michael of Kent also attended the St George's dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. General Sir Rodney Moore, president, was in the chair, and others present included the Bishop of Rochester, Lord Wigoder and Sir Geoffrey Jackson.

RAF, Catterick
Air Vice-Marshal D. A. Pocock, Commandant General RAF Regiment, was the guest of honour at dinner in the Officers' Mess, RAF, Catterick yesterday. Wing Commander A. J. Finnie presided, and the commandant of the depot, Group Captain K. M. Oliver, and other officers of the corps were present.

Science report

Space: Alaskan terrain like Mars

Photographs from the satellite ERTS-1 show that parts of Alaska are very similar to parts of Mars photographed by Mariner 9. Since scientists know how the Alaskan terrain was formed, that provides an insight into processes that have operated to produce the characteristic terrain of Mars.

The particular features in Alaska that seem similar to Martian conditions are known as "thermokarst" terrain. It consists of pits, basins, valleys and closed depressions with small hummocks often containing lakes. Those characteristic features are produced when thaw occurs in regions of permafrost that have thick sub-surface ice. That kind of frozen layer is what planetary astronomers expect to find on Mars.

Although many features of Martian terrain are similar, on Mars such "fretted terrain" is generally on a rather larger scale. That does not mean that it was not produced in the same way, and in particular the United States Army Engineers who report the new study point out that the terrestrial counterpart is much older and more evolved than that on Mars.

One problem in comparing terrestrial features with those of other planets is that on the Earth the basic structures are often concealed by water or vegetation. The ERTS study succeeded only because a combination of snow cover, cancelling the effects of vegetation, and a low Sun angle, enhancing the appearance of the relief, combined to produce a particularly revealing view.

However, now that one area of the Earth that is rather like the surface of Mars has been identified, it will be easier to pick out other similar features from the satellite pictures. The important point to emerge from all the recent studies of the inner planets is that the Earth, Venus, Mars, Mercury and even our Moon are all very similar planets, differing only because of their sizes and their distances from the Sun.

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BRITISH ROLLING BEARINGS

THE TIMES
BUSINESS NEWS

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eyland shares suspended ter Lord Stokes has a eeting with Mr Benn

ew Goodrick-Clarke

after Lord Stokes, Bri- yland's chairman, met lgwood Benn, Secretary for Industry, yester- orning the company d a suspension of deal- its shares.

Stokes met Mr Benn to the controversial Ryder n the motor manufac- future which is to be d today. Lord Stokes shown the report its confidentiality is by parliamentary priv- He was however ed about its impli-

on Leyland asked the Exchange to suspend in all the company's s. The ordinary shares spended at 6½ p (just eir "low" of 5½p), at point the company's orth is only £37m.

an is due to make a t in answer to a ques- he House of Commons 1 3.30 pm today on the of the Ryder report Government's attitude ts recommendations.

, a big financial ction is in the offing e are various sugges- bout whether the ent will, in return for ancial support, take a g or minority interest oup.

ggestion is that the y assume control via w form of preference The position of ordin- reholders—and there re than 200,000 of unclear, although hopes to ask for deal- e restarted as soon as

Ordinary shareholders are almost certain to have to approve any plans for financial reconstruction, certainly if it involves issuing new capital to the Government.

British Leyland has arranged an extraordinary meeting for May 9 at which shareholders will be asked to approve a large increase in borrowing powers, thus enabling the company to take on further borrowings as well as the £50m which has so far been guaranteed.

Whether this is still necessary will presumably depend on the timing of the Government's decisions after publication of what is likely to be an abridged version of the Ryder report.

After publication today Lord Stokes and his board are expected to spend a day studying the document—which so far they have not had an opportunity of seeing—before making any statement or recommendations to shareholders.

Clifford Webb writes: British Leyland combined shop stewards committee, which claims to represent the group's 168,000 United Kingdom employees, has asked for an urgent meeting between its executive, national union leaders and Mr Benn to discuss the Ryder report before any government action is taken.

Mr Eddie McGarry, joint chairman, said the committee had already told Sir Don Ryder that Leyland was dying because of lack of investment to replace antiquated machinery.

Mr Derek Robinson, his co-chairman, and convener at Longbridge, said: "We would agree with compulsory redundancy for one section at British Leyland—that is, management, like Stokes and Barber.

"Sheer mismanagement is responsible for the mess we are in at British Leyland. We would wholeheartedly endorse the removal of British Leyland top management and their replacement by competent people."

At Longbridge, the group's largest plant, 480 workers complained yesterday that they had volunteered for redundancy more than six weeks ago and had heard nothing since. The company had asked for 3,100 voluntary redundancies at Longbridge.

A Leyland spokesman said: "Applications are still being processed."

Lord Stokes hits back: *British Leyland Mirror*, the group's newspaper, yesterday published a message to employees from a defiant Lord Stokes, saying: "The world car industry may be on its knees but British Leyland isn't.

"There are a few who believe that government intervention will solve all the problems. There are some who think that a change at the top would do the trick. And there are the so-called experts who suggest that 30,000 redundancies would be the answer.

"They are living in a fool's paradise. Their is only one answer—and we know it now—the strength of British Leyland is in its workforce. Their will to fight . . . their action now can keep British Leyland where it belongs—at the top."

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Inquiry into Crown Agents' dealings

By Margaret Drummond

A long-awaited government statement on the Crown Agents, delivered in the House of Commons yesterday by Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, disclosed that an independent inquiry is to be held into the series of financial misadventures which led the organization to seek £85m of government support last December.

A White Paper is shortly to air proposals on the future relationship between the Crown Agents and the Government. Meanwhile, Mrs Hart announced three new members to the main board, completing the top level reconstruction initiated last year.

Coopers and Lybrand, the chartered accountants called in by the recently appointed Crown Agent, Mr John Cuckney, have not completed internal investigations, but four main problem areas have been identified. The independent inquiry, which is to be conducted by Judge Fay, Sir Edmund Compton, and a so far unnamed accountant, has strictly historical terms of reference.

A new, and possibly more thoroughgoing, inspection is thought essential in view of the large amount of government support now committed to the Agents and the question of public accountability it raises.

But Mrs Hart indicated that it was to be a private investigation because of the necessity to preserve banking confidentiality with the Agents' overseas clients. An independent committee, private or otherwise, is likely to take a critical view of the Government's own inaction over the Crown Agents in the years leading up to the crisis, when their activities were subject to an increasing barrage of criticism from both in and outside the House.

It will investigate the principal problems as analysed by the Coopers and Lybrand inquiry: How a burgeoning banking business in the late 1960s encouraged the organization into huge "own account" dealings in the secondary banking and property sectors in an attempt to strengthen an inadequate capital base and how it led to "commitment of an unduly large proportion of the total banking resources to a small number of borrowers".

It will go through the history of the large loans extended, often without sufficient security, to the failed property empires of Mr William Stern, and Mr Ronald Lyon, as well as to secondary banks such as Triumph Investment Trust, the Burston Group, and Sterling Industrial Securities.

Also, it will seek to establish whether there has been inadequacies in the Agents' financial control or lack of commercial banking experience among senior staff.

Mrs Hart confirmed that more papers had been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions as well as those sent in January. But she said she regarded those matters as "minimal in their financial significance".

A government decision on the future structure of the Crown Agents, now by far the most important issue, awaits publication of a White Paper.

Choice of a suitable formal scheme for the organization, without proper constitution or definition of accountability since its inception in the 19th century, is complicated by the necessity to preserve its independence.

The Crown Agents must maintain normal banking discretion in their dealings with the 1,200 overseas clients currently handled. At the same time the financial support given by the Government, which has in recent months resulted in lost business flowing back, necessitates a degree of public accountability.

Mrs Hart indicated that the solution might be found in creating a public corporation, subject to the Public Accounts Committee but with the safeguards that enable organizations like the Bank of England and the British Broadcasting Corporation to maintain their freedom of action.

Mrs Hart's appointments to the main board are: Mr H. S. Hoff, better known as novelist William Cooper, assistant director of the Civil Service Selection Board; Mr James Jack, until recently general secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress; and Mrs Hester Boothroyd, Under-Secretary at the Treasury, who is shortly retiring to take up her new appointment.

The Crown Agents have not yet had recourse to the £85m of support money, which Mr Cuckney confirmed yesterday was sufficient to cover provisions and the establishment of an adequate capital base, although the income is supplementing the organization's diminished cash flow. Own account borrowings are understood to be down from around £90m to £55m, while the involvement in secondary banking and property has been reduced to £59m.

Mrs Hart confirmed that Mr Bernard Wheatley, the Crown Agents' money manager, suspended from duty in the same month, had since resigned.

Sainsburys and British Home plan hypermarket

By David Young

Sainsburys and British Home Stores are to combine to form a new company to move into hypermarket trading. Planning application for the company's first store will be submitted "within the next few weeks".

No name for the new company has been selected, nor has its financial or management structure been completed but it will begin operating very soon. Several sites have been chosen for development.

Problems in obtaining planning permission for hypermarket developments are a big reason for the two groups to combine in this venture. Both realize that any growth in this retailing sector depends on a relaxation of local and central government attitudes to planning applications.

The company's reputations in their separate sectors and the fact that, in some cases, the hypermarkets will be operating close to existing Sainsbury and British Home Stores shops will remove several of the objections made in the past.

Sites that the new company plans to develop have room for stores with more than 50,000 sq ft of selling space as well as car parking and services.

The two companies yesterday said that they consider that hypermarkets, with their operational cost economies, should become an integral part of retailing and give shoppers the benefit of lower prices.

Both companies say that such developments can and should be undertaken without any lowering of quality. Sainsbury's own-label foodstuffs will sell alongside textiles, clothing and furnishings bearing the British Homes Stores "Prova" brand name and it is likely that BHS will operate the restaurants at the hypermarkets.

Prices will be significantly cheaper than in the companies' conventional stores, but both yesterday emphasized that hypermarket trading will be complementary to existing shops and development plans for traditional stores remain unaffected.

Oldham Industrial Co-op Society is to build an 84,000 sq ft store in the Lancashire town on two levels with parking for 400 cars.

Government bid for Stern flats expected

By Desmond Quigley

A bid for the multimillion pound London residential properties of the collapsed Stern empire is expected shortly from the Department of the Environment, some several months after the department first asked the company's liquidator time to make an offer.

However, if a bid is forthcoming, it is likely to be strongly contested by many residents of the blocks of flats on the grounds that the department will be misapplying public money to help out the big banks who financed the activities of the Stern financial and property group.

Mr Kenneth Cork, liquidator of Stern's parent company, Wilstar Securities, said last night that the department had made the approach some months ago in the hope that "they would be given the chance to make an offer before the property was sold piecemeal."

He added: "We have been waiting for this offer to materialize for some months and we are given to understand that a letter of offer will be made shortly".

He said he had been constantly approached by tenants' associations of the various blocks of flats wanting to buy their flats, but it had been felt that the department should be given an opportunity to make a "realistic" offer.

But time was running out, Mr Cork said, and with interest debts rising the liquidators were anxious to realize the blocks.

Mr Cork made it clear that the department's offer would be rejected if it was not of the same overall value as the offers made by the tenants' associations.

But a spokesman for the department yesterday denied strongly that any negotiations on buying the flats were being held with the liquidator.

He said it was not the Government's intention that government money should be used to finance the acquisition of the Stern property.

The spokesman said the properties "would be very difficult to sell at the moment". Nevertheless, the department was having talks with the liquidator "to ensure that the properties remain on the rented market".

Co-ownership of the flats, favoured by many of the residents, would be acceptable since it was a form of social ownership of which the Government approved.

A spokesman for the tenants' association at one of the blocks of flats said that a bid from the department would be strongly resisted.

Building societies cut investment rate to 7pc

By Margaret Stone

In the light of falling bank interest rates and record net receipts—a figure near £300m is likely for April—building society leaders yesterday decided that the rate paid to building society investors should be reduced by ½ per cent to 7 per cent from June 1.

As widely predicted, the Council of the Building Societies Association unanimously voted against a reduction in the present mortgage interest rate of 11 per cent.

Mr Leonard Boyle, chairman of the association, said yesterday: "The reduced cost of raising funds has been completely counterbalanced by increased expenses in all fields and especially by sharp increases in the societies' tax liability."

The outlook for a cut in the mortgage rate later in the year looks remote. Mr Boyle pointed out it was most unlikely that the association could contemplate a cut in the mortgage rate and keep the investment rate at 7 per cent.

The societies are confident that the cut from 7.5 per cent to 7 per cent in the investment rate will not greatly affect the strong inflow of funds. These are running at a remarkably high level with a record total of £274m in March, and April showing every sign of being another winner.

This picture could change when the Government's new range of index-linked National Savings goes on sale in summer. The societies are more concerned about the attractiveness of the index-linked bond for pensioners—big savers with societies at the moment—rather than the index-linked Save As You Earn scheme.

Although borrowers will be disappointed that the mortgage interest rate has not come down, Mr Boyle pointed out that the changed in basic rate taxes in the last two spring Budgets have meant two effective reductions in the net cost of home loans.

When the mortgage rate went up to 11 per cent in September, 1973, the net interest rate was 7.7 per cent. Last March it was reduced to 7.35 per cent and after last week's Budget it is 7.15 per cent.

By the same token, tax changes will also partially cushion investors. The new 7 per cent rate grosses up to 10.77 per cent compared with the 11.19 per cent when the 7.5 per cent rate was grossed up at the old basic rate of tax.

It is the impact of the tax changes which have largely prevented the societies from cutting the mortgage rate. It is estimated that the new composite rate of tax will be at least 28.25 per cent and probably nearer 29 per cent.

To return to a position of reasonable operating margins—which have been in the order of 0.04 per £100 since March, 1974—societies had to widen the gap between the investment and mortgage interest rates.

Treasury seeks Budget comment

The Government wants to ensure "adequate consultation" with industry, commerce and the professions on certain aspects of the Finance Bill, to be published next Tuesday, before it becomes legislation.

Invitations were extended by the Treasury yesterday to "interested parties" to express views on technical and practical provisions of the Bill, either direct or through professional associations and representative bodies.

A Treasury spokesman said: "This is an opportunity to offer comments on details of the Bill, as published."

rency fears switched n sterling to dollar

yn Westlake

ncy fears were trans- yesterday from sterling dollar. As the dollar on all the major financial markets, d staged a rally from worst-ever level. It cents against the dol- e at $2.3685.

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e centre of this concern was the of Professor Milton the monetary econ- ist that prices in the United States could be rising by about 20 per cent in 1977, when the effects of this year's expansionary monetary policies really began to make themselves felt.

The broad downward trend of European interest rates continued yesterday with reductions in the Belgian and Austrian bank rates. The Belgian rate was cut from 7½ to 7 per cent and the Austrian from 6½ to 6 per cent.

At the same time, Herr Hans Kloss, the Austrian National Bank president, ruled out any devaluation of the schilling, maintaining that the currency would continue to be kept in line with those in the joint European "float".

On the bullion market, the price of the domestically-traded krugerrand leapt sharply to $213 (£90) a coin, from $194½ on Tuesday. This produced a record premium over the gold content in the coin of 28½ per cent, compared with a premium of only 4 per cent in the international krugerrand market.

Mr Benn and BSC in jobs clash

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The political storm over the cutbacks has been given further force because only a few weeks ago the Government declared that 13,500 BSC jobs were being reprieved after the first phase of its review of the corporation's plant closure programme.

Sir Monty however made it clear that they were absolutely crucial to the viability of the corporation and to its performance on the international scene.

The BSC is faced with a steep downturn in demand which is likely to continue into next year while cost increases have driven the corporation's break-even point up from 21 million liquid tonnes of steel to 25 million tonnes this year.

"We are making every endeavour to retain profitability this year—although the dice are loaded against us. The pivotal point is that we must make cost reductions over and above those we have been making over the past seven years", Sir Monty said.

He continued: "It must be cost reduction through reductions in manpower. It will be very considerable and very significant." He declined to specify a figure, although the redundancies will affect all grades, and a 10 per cent cutback is reliably understood to be the basis on which the BSC is planning.

Sir Monty pointed out that in its development programme, he had expected a labour cutback to 180,000 by 1980 producing 37 million tonnes of steel. Instead it had a labour force of 220,000 with a producing capacity of 25 million tonnes.

Ideally 50,000 workers could produce the 37 million tonnes annually. He said that in the Japanese steel industry, productivity per man was 50 tonnes against the BSC level of 150 tonnes.

Britain must decide, Sir Monty said, whether it wanted a steel industry for the future or whether it wanted an abortion indefinitely.

"If we stay in the EEC with an abortion, Europe will knock the hell out of it. If we don't remain in Europe, the Japanese will knock the hell out of it", he added.

Sir Monty underlined his conviction in the strategy for concentrating production at six main centres, and made it clear that the BSC sees no alternative to closing down steelmaking at Shotton in North Wales and concentrating production on a complex at Port Talbot.

He dismissed as "ridiculous" any suggestion that the Government should consider setting up a separate company at Shotton for steelmaking under the aegis of the proposed National Enterprise Board and in effect creating two State steel industries.

The corporation, he continued, was concerned about aspects of the Industry Bill which could fragment the BSC and which would not be to the benefit of the British steel industry or the steel industry internationally.

He gave a warning that the steel industry, and not the railways, could be the "crunch point" on impending wage negotiations.

Mr Wilson calms City on scheme for financing NEB

Mr Wilson moved cautiously but firmly last night to reassure the City that a document advocated by Industry Secretary, Mr Wedgwood Benn, requiring insurance firms and pension firms to back Labour's National Enterprise Board's schemes, was unlikely ever to become government policy.

At Tuesday night's private meeting of the Industrial Policy sub-committee of Labour's Home Policy group, Mr Benn is understood to have submitted a confidential discussion paper setting out a ten-year strategy for investment and full employment.

Controversially it elaborated on a not unknown theme that firms should put money into the enterprises of the new NEB.

Later it was learnt that the document did not receive wholesale approval from Labour Party policy makers and may be extensively revised.

Last night sources close to Mr Wilson pointed out that the ideas for compelling investment were quite definitely not government policy. Additionally it was said that in any event such a policy would be evolved on the Treasury network and would not be the responsibility of Mr Benn.

More important, it was strongly indicated that such a "cash grab" scheme stood little chance of gaining favour with the Prime Minister. Other ministers and MPs at Westminster have already privately expressed horror at the apparent concept of the State taking over pension money to finance "backdoor nationalization".

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Delta Metal to raise £12m

Delta Metal, the metal components and electrical group, is the latest company to join the rights issue queue. It is raising about £12m by issuing 22.3m shares at 55p each on the basis of one for five, with the issue being underwritten by Samuel Montagu and N. M. Rothschild with the brokers Hoare & Co Govett.

Delta's 1974 pre-tax profits show a slight fall from £26.7m to £26.4m and the group forecasts that a further setback is likely in the current year.

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m sugarbeet subsidy ted despite price rise

Clayton

s in Cambridgeshire yesterday for a £14m nt subsidy to e an increase in sowing from the xceptionally low level.

aid the appeal would fected by a price rise, to be of less than 10 which the British Corporation is to today.

nan a quarter of the d area of almost acres had been sown, rration said yesterday. years three quarters of age is drilled by mid-

is fine weather con- or another three or four days we could get it all in", the corporation added.

A price rise from the present total return of about £16 a ton for unprocessed beet has been agreed with the National Farmers' Union. The amount will be disclosed today.

NFU members in Cambridgeshire decided to press their national officers to demand a single payment of £30 an acre from the Government to sugar-beet growers on top of the price paid for the crop.

The union said only 10 per cent of the crop had been sown in Cambridgeshire and that the best drilling time was now past. "There is evidence to suggest that a lot of land will be left fallow or turned over to a late barley crop."

How the markets moved

The Times index: 139.97 −2.66
FT index: 344.0 −11.5

Rises

Bracken Mines	25p to 325p	Newman Tonks	5½p to 40p
Dawnay Day	3p to 23p	Phillips Lamp	40p to 910p
Dunlop Hldgs	1p to 55p	Rio Tinto Zinc	6p to 190p
Hawker Sidd	8p to 332p	Ransomes Sims	25p to 165p
Int Hldgs	75p to 865p	Welkom	50p to 520p
Lloyds Bank	3p to 238p	Western Areas	35p to 630p
Tate Fox	5p to 35p	Woodmill	1p to 5p

Falls

Ass Port Cement	10p to 155p	Imp Chem Ind	8p to 250p
Brit Am Tob	7½p to 305p	Imp Group	3½p to 62½p
BP	7½p to 430p	Marks & Spencer	14p to 235p
Burton Group	6½p to 63½p	Royal	21p to 294p
Courtaulds	5p to 120p	Sun Alliance	37p to 420p
Eagle Star	12p to 130p	Thorn Electric	10p to 164p
Howden, A.	12p to 116p	Unilever	16p to 368p

Equities fell back from a firm start, on rumours of a big rights issue.

Gilt-edged securities were easier.

Sterling was 135 points higher on the day, at $2.3685. The "effective devaluation" rate was 22.3 per cent.

Gold rose by $2.50 yesterday to $168.25 an oz.

SDR-$ was 1.23912 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.52677.

Commodities: Sugar closed up to £13.25 a long ton lower yesterday, while cocoa was £3 a tonne lower to £1.00 higher. Reuter's index fell by 9.1 points to 1,090.5.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.82	1.77
Austria Sch	41.00	39.00
Belgium Fr	86.75	84.00
Canada $	2.44	2.39
Denmark Kr	13.30	12.90
Finland Mkk	8.65	8.40
France Fr	10.05	9.75
Germany DM	5.75	5.55
Greece Dr	70.75	68.50
Hongkong $	11.80	11.45
Italy Lr	1530.00	1480.00
Japan Yn	715.00	690.00
Netherlands Gld	5.85	5.65
Norway Kr	12.05	11.70
Portugal Esc	58.75	56.75
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.75
Spain Pes	134.00	129.00
Sweden Kr	9.60	9.30
Switzerland Fr	6.15	5.95
US $	2.40	2.35
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.00	38.75

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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J. HEWITT & SON
(FENTON) LIMITED
Manufacturers of Refractory Products

PROGRESS IN A DIFFICULT YEAR

	1974 £'000s	1973 £'000s
Sales	1,406	1,194
Profit before tax	77	68
Taxation	41	32
Earnings per ordinary share of 5p before extraordinary items	1.5p	1.5p

...wing is an extract from the Statement by the Chairman, Hewitt, to the Members at the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd April, 1975.

...ased to report that the results for 1974 show a gratifying ...ent in spite of the disappointing first half of the year which ...cted by power restrictions. Profits before tax for the year are ...her than in 1973 with turnover increased by nearly 18%.

...en a most difficult year with continued escalation of costs, ...y wages, resulting from the operation of threshold clauses in ...s structure. In view of the better results for the last half year with a satisfactory start to 1975 your Board has decided to ...nd that the dividend be increased from 14% to 15½%, the ... permitted.

...demand for your Company's products is at a satisfactory ...e economic climate makes it difficult to anticipate the results but, given the continuation of present demand and providing ...reases can be contained at reasonable levels, I see no reason ... profits for 1975 should not exceed those for 1974 and be ...keeping with the substantial increase in turnover. Higher ...ould provide a desirable contribution to the greatly increased ...ents for working capital.

McCleery L'Amie Group Limited

Summary of Results For the year ended 31st October, 1974	1974 £'000	1973 £'000
Turnover	13,567	11,256
Profit before Taxation	1,277	981
Profit after Taxation	693	657
Extraordinary Items (less tax)	153	30
Earned for Ordinary Shares	816	758
Earnings per Share	5.54p	5.30p
Dividend per Share	1.675p	1.4875p
Dividend Cover	3.3	3.5
Net Assets per Share	32.5p	27.7p

Chairman, M. T. D. Lorimer reported to shareholders at the A.G.M.

I am delighted to be able to report to you the continued prosperity of your company which is demonstrated by another year of record profits.

The Group's liquid resources improved considerably during the year with a positive cash flow of over £1.5 million converting a bank overdraft position of £1,297,000 to a cash at bank position of £289,000.

For some time now we have been anxious to develop overseas and have pursued many possibilities during the past year but have not managed to find, as yet, a suitable opportunity.

The matter is still being actively pursued.

At a time when inflation of the magnitude of 20% plus is the order it is difficult to see any improvement in the national or international economic crisis. However, I am confident that our Group, with its three independent areas of operation and an enthusiastic staff, will successfully overcome the difficulties which lie ahead and the substantial investment in plant and machinery that has been made over the past few years will enable us to trade profitably and maintain our growth record.

Companies suffered peak deficit last year

By Tim Congdon

Companies continued to move further into debt in the fourth quarter of last year. Industrial and commercial companies had a financial deficit of £725m in the quarter, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistical Office.

This deficit, although still extremely large, was much less *than in the third quarter when* it amounted to £1,047m. Moreover, the reduction in the deficit occurred before the effect of the November Budget's concessions on the taxation of stock appreciation profits had been felt.

The Budget concessions should make a substantial difference to companies' financial position in the first quarter of this year. However, the financial deficit of industrial and commercial companies in 1974 as a whole stood at £3,607m, the highest recorded.

This outcome confirms the accuracy of forecasts made by the Confederation of British Industry at the time of the March Budget that companies would face serious financial plight throughout the year.

The company sector was not the only part of the economy to incur substantial amounts of debt. Indeed, the financial deficit of the public sector in the year, at £5,128m, was even larger and was also the highest ever.

Moreover, while companies were beginning to correct their position by the fourth quarter, *the Government and other public* authorities were moving still further into the red.

The public sector financial deficit in the fourth quarter affected by rapid increases in pay, stood at £1,723, almost £500m higher than in the third quarter and about £1,000m *higher than in the corresponding* quarter of 1973.

AMC 'seeking to buy Audi line'

Detroit, April 23.—American Motors Corporation is reported to be negotiating with Audi-NSU to import a four-cylinder engine production line into the United States.

AMC is said to be testing some of the two-litre West German engines in some of its *current models. Engines manu*factured on the line have been used in the Audi 100 models. An AMC spokesman declined to comment on the report.

Industry sources say AMC has been looking for a four-cylinder engine to put in its compact Gremlin in 1977.—AP-Dow Jones.

Workers lock out management and staff at Ford's Swansea plant

Ford workers locked out management and staff yesterday during a sit-in at the company's Swansea plant. They were protesting against alleged grievances over management at the plant which employs 2,200 workers and produces axle and transmission units.

The morning shift took over the plant soon after they reported for work. They blocked the main gates leading to the car park *alongside the factory* building with lorries and other heavy vehicles in an attempt to keep staff and management out. *The action followed a meeting* of workers.

More than 1,700 employees were reported to be "occupying" the factory. Shop stewards locked the front gates and turned away senior management officials who apparently left without protest.

Mr Jock Stern, the works convenor, said: "We have complete discipline over our members in the factory. This will be a peaceful occupation and we will sit in until we get what we want.

"We will try to conduct ourselves as responsible people and look after the property during the occupation."

He said contact had been made with union leaders at Ford plants throughout Britain but we are not asking them for support. We think they have their own problems of a similar nature and they know the best way of dealing with them."

He said the protest was against "management pressures" and a lack of good industrial relations. "With the economic climate the way it is, we should be working together in dealing with problems without provocation. The management has pursued a policy of provocation which the men *cannot tolerate any longer.*"

The men are insisting that a senior industrial relations officer from the group's head office *in Brentwood talks to them.*

Workers manning the main gates this morning turned back delivery lorries. The incident which triggered off the sit-in decision involved the 24-hour suspension last Friday of a man who did not achieve his production line work-load.

Clifford Webb writes: Militant shop stewards from British Leyland, Ford, Chrysler, Vauxhall and some of their biggest component suppliers took the first step yesterday to form a union committee representing the whole of the British motor *industry.*

All main motor plants have been invited to send two representatives to an inaugural meeting on May 12. Although such a body would have no official standing with the unions, it will undoubtedly have a powerful voice.

The initiative was taken by another unofficial body, British Leyland Combined Shop Stewards Committee. Its officials dominated yesterday's meeting in Birmingham which was attended by several hundred shop stewards, including men from Lucas, Dunlop and Smiths Industries.

At a press conference later, Mr Eddie McGarry, joint chairman of the BLMC committee, said one of the first tasks of the new body would be to meet Labour MPs representing car constituencies. It would press for government action to help the whole of the motor industry in its present crisis.

"Blame misdirected": Far too *much blame has been on the* workers in the British Motor Industry for the problems it has experienced, Mr Moss *Evans, national organizer of the* Transport and General Workers' Union said yesterday.

Giving evidence to the House of Commons Trade and Industry sub-committee inquiry into the motor industry he declared: "Strikes are only one of the elements which lead to interruption in production.

Asked whether he thought the nationalization of British Leyland would help solve some of the company's problems Mr Evans replied: "Yes, I do. If the orthodox institutions are not prepared to risk their capital, I think it is common sense that if the Government was to lend the money, there should be accountability to the Government."

Birmingham dispute ends: Workers at the British Leyland car body factory in Birmingham backed away from a confrontation with the management yesterday. Threatened with the *closure of the plant and lay*offs for 8,000 men, shop stewards told the company that the policy of non-cooperation adopted by half the labour force was being called off.

There was an urgent need for rationalization throughout *the industry to cut out wasteful* duplication.

Textile union to press for 20 pc cut in imports

By R. W. Shakespeare

Fresh demands for the Government to impose strict restrictions on the import of cheap *textile goods will come from a* union conference representing some 68,000 textile workers, which opens in Blackpool today.

Against a background of extensive cutbacks in production and short-time working at present affecting some 60,000 workers, *as well as the closure* of a further 25 mills in the North-west alone over the past year, the annual conference of *the United Textile Factory* Workers Association will debate a motion which maintains that import controls are now urgently needed to make the industry viable.

Union leaders have already made direct representation to Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, and a Cabinet decision on import controls is expected shortly. However, there are fears that the action the Government will propose will fall short of the level of protection that the unions claim is needed.

A recent agreement between the European Commission and India under which textile imports to Britain will be limited over the next three years has gone only part of the way towards meeting the unions' demands. They want to see a minimum cut of 20 per cent *in the level of imports from all* sources.

CBI asks ministers to think again before further nationalization

By Malcolm Brown

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday urged the Government to think again before it plunged into further nationalization.

Mr Campbell Adamson, director general of the CBI, said that industry was entitled to ask the Government two things before it embarked on further public ownership.

"First, that it proves with the existing nationalized indus*tries that it is prepared to* allow them sufficient freedom and stability to onerate efficiently and, secondly, that the case for nationalization should be argued in terms of industrial and economic logic, not of old-fashioned political dogma."

Speaking at the Shoe and Allied Trades Research Association's conference banquet in York, Mr Adamson said the CBI had made public its views *on changes and advances in the* relationships between companies and their employees, shareholders, creditors, customers, the public and Government. "But is nationalization the way to get them?" he *asked.*

Some of our nationalized industries, it seemed, had been achieving high levels of performance despite rather than because they were nationalized, he said.

One might have expected the Government with all its experience *of public ownership to be* under the strongest compulsion to make a case for further nationalization, to explain its plans and put forward the advantages as it saw them.

"But as far as I am aware, there is not a single attempt in either of the Department of Industry's consultative documents to make a case at all."

Referring to the aircraft industry, which he said had *exports of £600m in 1974, Mr* Adamson said that it had operated in a highly competitive international market with the need to make quick and informed decisions on major matters. It had operated with *conspicuous success.*

"Are we now to see it engulfed in a welter of interference and obstruction when *the state takes it for its own?"* he asked.

Peter Hill writes: The CBI was last night urged to co*operate more with the unions.* Mr A. Robert Jenkins, chairman of the Process Plant Association, told the organization's annual dinner in London that the Government should set the environment in which industry and commerce created the wealth of the nation.

He called for a greater degree of partnership between management and labour and the creation of a greater degree of employee participation.

White House against car import curbs

Washington, April 23.—In a strongly worded letter the White House has asked Congress to reject proposed car import restrictions.

Mr Frederick Dent, American international trade negotiator, told the House Ways and Means Committee that if Congress accepts a plan to impose an additional 10 per cent import duty, starting in 1976, on imported cars that fail to meet certain "United States" requirements, this would amount to "a particularly significant violation of United States international trade com*mitments*".

It would also invite "retaliatory action" against American exports by other nations and jeopardize United States efforts to reduce trade barriers in trade negotiations in Geneva, Mr Dent said.

The State Department is understood to have sent a similarly worded communication to Mr Al Ullman, chairman of the committee.

While the House panel has not yet voted on the imported car amendment to a pending energy Bill, it appeared unlikely that the issue would be put aside.

6,000 lay-offs predicted in radio industry

By David Young

Lord Thorneycroft president of the British Radio Equip*ment Manufacturers' Associ*ation has sent a telegram to all MPs about the effects of the Budget on the industry.

He has said that companies estimate that permanent and unavoidable lay-offs will exceed 6,000, at least 20 per cent of the direct labour employed.

The telegram states: "These figures are in addition to the 5,000 redundancies which *occurred in the calendar year* 1974, and exclude the serious position which will undoubtedly occur in component and associated industries."

Lord Thorneycroft added that the enforced reduction in production now cannot fail to increase the cost of imports when the market next improves and will have serious consequences on the balance of payments position.

Go-ahead signal to commission's manpower plans

As a result of Budget measures, the Manpower Services Commission was now in a position to put into effect the package of special proposals it put to the Government last *autumn, Sir Denis Barnes,* the commission chairman, said yesterday when he presented its first annual report.

He said the Chancellor had emphasized the importance of the commission and allocated a further £50m for increasing training, speeding up the modernization of the employment services and improving labour mobility.

Sir Denis said he thought it had been particularly helpful that on being established the commission had put in hand work on contingency plans for rising unemployment and had consequently been able to put a package of special measures to the Government.

*After the Budget the com*mission was now in a position to put these into effect.

Kuwait takeover talks

Kuwait, April 23.—Talks with British Petroleum Co Ltd and Gulf Oil of the United States on the final state takeover of the Kuwait Oil Co will resume in Kuwait on Saturday, Mr Abdel-Muttaleb al-Kazimi, Oil Minister, said today. Main topic will be the amount of compensation.—Reuter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposals for investment in British industry

From Mr Roy Grantham

Sir, On February 20 you reported the proposals my union had made to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for a new investment agency, whereby 25 per cent of all new money available for lending by insurance companies and superannuation funds would be chan*nelled into creating capital for* manufacturing industry. It was therefore with considerable interest that I read in *The Times* (Monday) that Mr Benn is putting forward similar proposals.

It is well documented knowledge that the United King*dom's* investment record in manufacturing industry is poor; however, simply to blame the lending institutions would be naive.

New investment needs a borrower as much as a lender and one of the major problems is not so much the availability of funds as willingness on the part of British industry to commit itself to medium and long term investment. We are *aware that at times when* cash was plentiful industry has stubbornly refused to invest.

One incentive to encourage investment which my union has put forward is lending at a low rate of interest with the option for converting at favourable terms into equity. At the end of the day, however, we must also use the planning agreement system to stimulate investment.

Pension fund solvency is also important. Members of my union who sit as pension fund trustees are acutely concerned with this problem; what must be ensured is that any lending which is carried out in conjunction with insurance companies and pension funds through the planning agreement system should carry a Government guarantee in case of default. In effect, this would make the loan a *form of gilt*-edged security, and consequently the rate of interest paid could be somewhat lower *than on a normal commercial* loan.

Overall Mr Benn's proposals should be welcomed because they recognize, as we have done for several years, that the problems of new investment and the City are directly related. Anything which stimu*lates examination of the prob*lem is beneficial.

ROY GRANTHAM,
General Secretary,
Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff,

Public spending bodies and pay

From Mr W. J. Corcoran

Sir, Peter Jay (April 17) indi*cates a method which would* give public spending agencies an incentive to resist excessive price and pay demands within their own sector. This would entail an allowance for pay and cost rises in the public sector which, presumably, would be based on a weighted average of increases among the different agencies.

His method, contrary to his intention, will write-in "the tendency of public sector pay and costs to rise faster than the national average". While the allowance would give those *agencies which are yielding to* excessive price and pay demands an incentive to maintain tighter control, the others would be given an incentive to increase spending in accord with the public sector average.

If the effect of the incentives were equal on both groups, the tendency for faster rises in pay and costs will be maintained. However, it is more likely that *the effect of the incentive to* increase spending will be greater, reinforcing the tendency for faster rises in the public sector.

Instead, base the allowance on private sector rises alone. This will still maintain the desired incentive effect, give realistic allowances to the more efficient spending agencies, and have a better chance of reducing the excess pay and price *rises in the public sector.*

W. J. CORCORAN,
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Central hydraulic power systems

From Mr R. Ruddock-West

Sir, Mr Wilkins's view on central hydraulic power systems (April 10) are well known to the hydraulics industry. Although his proposed systems would undoubtedly work in practice, our own study has suggested that they would be unlikely to offer large savings in running costs compared with individual electric drives.

This is particularly true where power factor correction equipment is used for overcoming the high cost of electric motors operating below their full output. Against these possible savings in fuel costs, however, must be set the higher levels of noise, maintenance cost and capital cost to the user.

It is especially this last factor, the high capital cost, which makes central hydraulic systems unattractive to the potential user, at a time when a return to low interest rates cannot be foreseen.

There are of course exceptions to this in some machine *shops, some process plant* applications and some factory complexes, where central hydraulic supply for groups of machines can be more competitive than individual electric drives. There can also be an overwhelming case for a single supply system instead of a number of hydraulic power packs supplying individual machines.

In some specific applications *there is much in what Mr Wil*kins says, but this should not be taken to extremes. It is unlikely that central hydraulics will have a major impact on the size, in this decade, of the total hydraulics market.

I must also refute the suggestion that the United King*dom hydraulics industry is* necessarily unable to respond to challenging situations. Many companies, accounting for over 65 per cent of the industry's sales, were found to "have achieved a level of perfor*mance which would do credit* to most manufacturing indus*tries*".

The challenge facing the hydraulics industry is not so much these central distribution systems. Rather is there the need for a vigorous commercial response, as discussed in the report, to the growing internationalization of markets: that is to say, the industry must strengthen itself in relation to its European and United States competitors; and improve the ways in which it can serve the market needs of its customers here and overseas.

Yours faithfully,
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April 15.

Putting record straight on fee paying agencies

From Mrs H. Long

Sir, The fact that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has at last brought in legislation against the small minority of agencies who *treat their* temporary staff as self-employed workers will be welcomed by the very large majority of fee paying agencies *who run their* businesses in a normal ethical way and retain accounts staff to deal with all temporary *staff's tax and insurance mat*ters.

We have all been pressing for this for a long time, and in fact I, *myself, have written to* the appropriate Ministry with no results.

Yesterday's comments by Mr *Ray Buckton on hearing the* steps the Chancellor was taking would have led those listeners who were not so informed to believe that all fee paying agencies operated in this way, and that the only agencies that did not were the state ones. This, of course, is totally untrue and the public should be informed accordingly.

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Master Jones

From Mr Justin Rickards

Sir, Mr Jack Jones, with his usual mastery of the irrelevant, now accuses the self employed of breaking the Social Contract, a contract to which they are not parties and whose terms are secreted in the darker corridors of power.

The battered self-employed of these islands, unlike Mr Jones and his colleagues, have to undergo the formality of earning everything they pay themselves.

I *have the honour to be, Sir,*
Your obedient servant,
JUSTIN RICKARDS,
Managing Director,
Headlands,
The Headlands,
Blackpool.
April 21

Pimm's people have style.

The Société Générale de Banque (Generale Bankmaatschappij) in 1974

Société Générale de Banque, Belgium's leading bank, has just published its annual *report which was submitted to the Shareholders' Ordinary General Meeting on 22 April.*

Favourable trend in activities

From the figures shown in the table below it is apparent that the Bank's activities have developed favourably despite difficult economic and monetary conditions, *marked by inflation and the oil crisis.*

	as at 31.12.1973	as at 31.12.1974	%
Balance sheet total	BF 374,534,435,064	BF 445,895,555,284	+ 19.1
Deposits and cash notes	BF 233,237,875,837	BF 268,497,445,683	+ 13.0
Deposits from Bankers	BF 101,411,021,883	BF 130,369,910,216	+ 28.6
Money-providing and signature-lending credits used by the private sector	BF 196,413,911,174	BF 233,672,223,808	+ 19.0
Value of public bills and securities	BF 100,982,603,369	BF 123,906,861,614	+ 22.7
Overheads, excluding corporation tax	BF 9,123,827,305	BF 11,118,505,674	+ 21.9
Cash-flow	BF 2,188,220,962	BF 2,620,845,903	+ 19.8

The net profit for 1974 was BF 1,304 million against BF 1,226 million in 1973, i.e. an increase of 6.4%. The net profit per share, showing a corresponding increase, rose from BF 288 to BF 306. A dividend of BF 175 per share, after withholding tax, has been submitted to the General Meeting for approval; this compares to a dividend of BF 167 for 1973.

The Bank has continued to develop its activities in Belgium and is also pursuing a dynamic policy of expansion at international level.

Financing foreign trade

The Bank's international relations in the field of foreign trade promotion have been characterized by the concluding of many financing agreements for the supply of capital goods and other services of Belgian origin. As at 31 December, 1974, 33 framework agreements were in operation between the Bank and finance institutions or buyers in 19 countries.

The Bank's share in short-term export *credits was 41% of the total acceptance* credits granted by Belgian banks.

In the field of medium-term export financing, the Bank's contribution to the Creditexport pool rose to over 10,000 million francs in 1974. As in the past, Société Générale de Banque submitted to the pool more than 50% of the refinancing applications.

Euro-currency credits

In 1974, the euro-currency market *showed signs of intense activity to which* the Bank contributed, more especially by financing, together with a large American bank, the development of the *Ekofisk oilfield and by participating in* important international credits.

Société Générale de Banque throughout the world

An outstanding feature of 1974 for Société Générale de Banque was the acquisition by the European-American Bank & Trust Company, of assets and liabilities of the Franklin National Bank. This enabled the Bank's American affiliate to extend its branch network which now comprises some one hundred operating points located in New York and Long Island.

Following the take-over bid made in 1973 by Société Générale de Banque for the shares held by the public in the Banque Italo-Belge, the latter was wound up in December 1974. On the same date, the Banque Européenne pour l'Amérique Latine (BEAL) was created in co-operation with several large international banks to continue and expand the activities of the former Banque Italo-Belge in South America. The Société Générale de Banque maintains a substantial interest in the BEAL.

1974 also saw the setting up, on the Bank's initiative, of the Banque Belge (France), Paris, aimed at furthering trade relations between France and Belgium, and promoting Belgian activities and interests in France.

The Bank's international network was strengthened in 1974 with the opening of a representative office for the Middle East in Beirut.

Société Générale de Banque continues to play an active part in the growth of European Banks International (EBIC) whose joint projects are on such a scale that it has become not only the oldest but also the most efficient European banking consortium.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

...eyland: the best option for shareholders?

...suggests that British ...s shareholders are in a ...osition on the day that ...r Report on the future ... company is published. ...ares are suspended at ...; they are rightly not ...l to put up the sort of ... the company requires ... the Government ...ly is; and they would ...tly criticized if they ...at powers remain to ...try and irresponsibly ... proposals from the ...ent.

...lly, though, they may ...e room to argue their ... hopefully, they will be ... and wisely guided by ...ard. It is not a fair ... shareholders will approve any increase ...l and the company has arranged a meeting ...th to ask shareholders ...ove an increase in ...g powers. My view is ...ce any government ... more than 25 per cent ... state effective control ...mpany and, since Ley... likely to remain cash-... for years, existing ...lers, unable or unwill... *...ur good money* after ... ultimately be diluted ... anwhile, their income, ...ready been indicated, ...e severely restricted ...e conditions of govern...

...f there is any chance ...ht nationalization of Leyland—such as is ...gested by *some trade* —this would also be ... option for share...

At least it would ...aightforward negotia... compensation and even ... share this year would ...r than 10p in five ...e.

Metal ...dening ...ase

...m borrowings almost ... last year to £33.4m, a ... programme curtailed ...'s £18m to only £6m for ... the general need to ...he equity base are the ...actors behind Delta's 12m rights issue. After ... £4.5m to £9.44m last ...re should be a decline ... interest charges, with ... Kingdom borrowings ...some £7m lower since ...end.

...st of the benefit to ...rom the unwinding of ...ally long order book ...y been felt—£100 off ... price, releasing some ...rking capital. And the ...e metal price has re... the metal account, ... below the line, swing... £4.08m net profit into ... of £4.55m—the defi... ...g covered by a trans... ...ontingency reserves. ... profits were much in ... the interim prediction ..., with the United ... activities proving the ...formers. The impetus ...e improvement at the ...st level from £31.7m ... came largely from the ... and engineering acti... ...l exports, the momen... being more than suffi... *...ffset increasing slack* ...e building components ...verseas saw a £1m fall ...ulia, while a £500,000 ...ent in South Africa ...ted by fall of similar ...es in Europe.

...ow faces increasing ...on on the export front, ...rn in demand in most ...mestic sectors and con... ...ressure on margins. ..., a fall in profits is ... in 1975, but how sharp ... still anyone's guess at ... At 77½p the shares ...e at nine times historic ... with a *prospective* ex... ...atio that is hardly likely to look exciting even in today's markets.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £86.2m
Net assets £81.7m (£83.7m)
Borrowings £76.7m (£55.7m)
Pre-tax profit £26.4m (£26.7m)
Earnings per share 8.6p (10.3p)

Tube Investments
Uncertain prospects

The full accounts from Tube Investments will probably do little to answer the market's *surprise* that the group did not go for a larger rights issue. Nor will they help very much in helping analysts arrive at a likely profit outcome for the *current year. The forecast* remains that the first half should be roughly similar to the opening half of last year and, understandably, that what *happens in the second half is going* to depend on just how events unfold. Meanwhile, a maintained profit level for the opening six months of the year is *clearly going to contain its* swings and roundabouts—order books in most capital sectors remaining good but the cycle division, for instance, expected to *remain fairly flat* for another couple of months yet.

As for the balance sheet ratios, a fair amount must depend on the trend in inflation *and demand over the* second half of the year. But Tubes reckons that last year's rise of over a quarter in working capital can be treated as *partly exceptional, given such* factors as the steep rise in steel prices and the unusually high level of finished stocks at the year-end thanks to the down*turn in some consumer markets* in the final quarter. Even so, it looks as if a borrowing ratio that comes back from 73 to around 60 per cent post rights could start to creep up again given that capital expenditure is not expected to drop much below last year's £18m.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £120m
Net assets £160m (£153m)
Borrowings £127m (£90m)
Pre-tax profit £41.1m (£33.7m)
Earnings per share 45.7p (44.2p)

Discount houses
Jessel Toynbee lead the way

Jessel Toynbee reveals profits almost double the previous record shown in 1971-72, a growth that no other house has so far shown. To some extent comparisons are made difficult by the inclusion of Norman & Bennet, but the performance is no less impressive for that, particularly with declining interest rates latterly tending to bring a contraction in 1974's generous running margins. The book, having lengthened a little earlier this year as the gilt *market revived, has once again* been shortened.

For Smith St Aubyn the picture is confused somewhat by a £2.55m provision against a loan to *Highcastle* Securities, now being put into voluntary liquidation. That may be serious enough to prevent Smith recovering quite as much of the shattered 1973 reserve position as other houses, and to that *extent could impose some re*straint upon the scope of business this year. But the market's prime reaction at this stage is one of relief that the Highcastle problem has been attacked at its root and that Smith can again be assessed as a straightforward discount house. Hence yesterday's 5p gain in the shares to 85p.

As to the immediate future of discount house ratings, much will depend on whether Gerrard & National can also manage to top expectations. If so, one *might expect to see some short* term strength with Smith, yielding 9¼ per cent, and Jessel, yielding 7½ per cent at 82p, reasonably well to the fore.

Jessel Toynbee
Final 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £6.92m
Net profits £1.03m (£0.37m)
Dividend gross 6.11p (5.16p)

Smith St Aubyn
Final 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £6.12m
Net profits £1.15m (£1.68m*)
Dividend gross 8.11p (3.5p)
* *Loss*

Gill & Duffus
Cocoa demand is sluggish

That Gill & Duffus ended unchanged in yesterday's markets was a measure of the approval with which profits half a million *ahead of the October forecast*—and some quarter of a million ahead of most expectations—were greeted. The group's well-deserved reputation for sus*tained profits growth will how*ever be more difficult to maintain this year. Not so much because the price of cocoa, to which around 60 per cent of turnover still relates, is now half of what it was a year ago, for this of itself is all but irrelevant to Gill & Duffus. But the fall reflects a very sharp drop in consumption in the developed countries of the world; and *if there is one thing* Gill & Duffus can do without it is sluggish cocoa markets.

The group is well spread in other markets—coffee, metals, rubber and edible nuts—but most of these are also quiet at the moment, and likely to stay so for a good part of the year. So the shares, on a 5.2 per cent yield at 102p, have no immediate attractions.

Final 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £24.2m
Sales £376m (£284.5m)
Pre-tax profits £6.25m (£5.19m)
Earnings per share 13.9p (11.2p)
Dividend gross 5.29p (4.7p*)
* *After adjustment for 1-for-2 capitalization issue.*

RMC
After the dividend cut

With a pre-tax total of £9.2m Ready Mixed Concrete has emerged from 1974 better than feared; and the yield remains good for the sector despite the cut in the final dividend. The problem, however, is that trading in many areas could be even tougher this year than last, reflecting the construction *slump. West Germany* (£115m of total sales and £2.7m of operating profits of £15.8m) could prove an exception, but even here a trading upturn is *not expected. So there could* be a further fall in profits, but mitigated by the slowdown in capital spending taking pressure off depreciation and interest charges.

Even so, RMC thinks that it is poised to make further inroads into the market for concrete mixed on site as labour costs climb. It could even raise its United Kingdom share of ready mixed concrete from the present 40 per cent. If 1976 is going to be much better than this year or last, the shares on a yield of 7.9 per cent and p/e of 11.4 are probably taking a reasonable view of a difficult 1975.

Final: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £41.3m
Sales £360.2m (£322.4m)
Pre-tax profits £9.2m (£16.1m)
Earnings per share 5.7p (11.3p)
Dividend gross 5.13p (6.6p)

The Alyeska pipe storage yard near Fairbanks in Central Alaska.

BP's soothing prospect of Alaskan oil

Sir Eric Drake, the chairman of British Petroleum, had a grim message for shareholders earlier this month. With the *oil-producing nations chipping* away the profits from crude oil sales, the company, he said, was facing two lean years.

Eight thousand miles away beyond the North Pole, the Alaskan state legislature was receiving equally unpleasant tidings—the $900m that flowed into its coffers from the sale of oil leases in 1969 is almost gone and for the next two years the state will be desperately short of cash.

Both the company and the state are looking for the same solution to their problems. The giant oilfield that BP found in Prudhoe Bay in the far north will provide the Alaskans with a regular income from royalties and taxes and will enable BP to begin increasing its stake in Standard Oil of Ohio (Sohio) and ultimately its dollar earnings from North America.

Environmentalist objections to building an 800-mile pipeline across the state to the ice-free port of Valdez in southern Alaska delayed the project for *nearly five years. But work on* developing the oilfield and building the pipeline has been in full swing for more than six months and is on schedule for delivering the *first oil on July* 1, 1977.

Prudhoe Bay, with 9,000 million barrels of reserves and a production rate of 1.6 million barrels of oil a day, is large even by Middle East standards, and will certainly make Alaska and the men and women working on the project very rich. Development of peripheral fields will bring the maximum flow rate to two *million* barrels a day.

But the initial effort in terms of lives, cash and technical expertise will be high. Developing a vast oilfield in temperatures that can drop *below minus* 100°F requires money—$2,000m—and a special breed of people to operate in conditions where a slip can be fatal.

The *pipeline, the cause of* the environmentalist objections, will be even more costly—$6,000m. To cross the frozen tundra without melting and damaging the lower layers of permanently frozen ground the pipe, warmed by the hot oil, has to be laid on specially insulated stilts.

Where it is not crossing the tundra the pipeline company *must deal with mountains and* rivers.

It appears that the most critical factor in the development is the construction of a deep-water tanker terminal and storage facilities at Valdez, so that the oil can be shipped to the United States markets.

Only about half the oil in the Prudhoe Bay field belongs to BP/Sohio. Atlantic Richfield *and Exxon have more than* 40 per cent and other companies hold small portions. BP at present has a 25 per cent voting right in Sohio, but once *the American company* is receiving 200,000 barrels of oil daily, net of royalties, BP will be entitled to a 34 per cent interest, with dividends, rising to a controlling 54 per cent when the 600,000 barrel-a-day mark is reached—probably in 1980.

Profits from Prudhoe Bay oil *will be large.* BP puts its earnings per barrel at a minimum of $3, but this is widely regarded as extremely conservative, with between $4 and $5 being suggested as more realistic. Profits from the Alaskan oil will accrue directly to Sohio, but from Sohio earnings of between $700m and $1,000m before tax annually BP can expect some fat dividend cheques.

BP also has oil from the North Sea as a second means of replacing dwindling profits from Middle East crude sales. But Alaska's prospects of acquiring revenues from oil developments outside Prudhoe *Bay are far less certain.* The five-year delay in the pipeline discouraged new exploration in the Arctic and this is only now beginning to gather momentum.

The state has spent the $900m from the 1969 lease sale largely on education and other projects, such as providing aircraft runways for small outlying communities. Now that the money is gone the state has to face the side-effects from the start of work on the pipeline by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

*Housing and all public ser*vices are under pressure, the crime rate is soaring and unemployment is rising as people arrive from other parts of the *United States at the rate of* two for every new job that is created by the pipeline project. With skilled workers able to earn $50,000 to $70,000 dollars a year, the flow of Americans shows no signs of abatement.

State *revenue from Prudhoe* Bay will consist of a 12½ per cent royalty and a sliding severance tax of up to 8 per cent. To supplement its income Alaska *is now considering a* vague plan for taxing oil reserves, but this has run into much opposition from the oil companies as well as the *native population, who have* high hopes of finding oil on their territory.

An alternative is to run another lease sale. Prudhoe Bay lies on the shores of the Beaufort Sea and all oilmen agree that even thicker oil-bearing sands could be found in the offshore area. Exploration in this region, which is frozen over during the long winter months, should present few problems as the water is shallow and guarded by a series of sandy islands

Nobody doubts that the $900m collected from the 1969 sales would be exceeded by any new sale. And already there is competition in the leasing department. The Fed*eral Government is planning to* offer acreage in the Gulf of Alaska and at the same time is running into stiff opposition from the state, partly because *this is a major earthquake* area, but mainly because the state would not benefit financially from any offshore development on federal leases.

Roger Vielvoye

Making sense of Mr Benn

It is time serious people began to take Mr Benn seriously, not because he is necessarily right, but because he is coming at last to represent a potentially coherent industrial strategy which deserves to be assessed, perhaps condemned, on its merits and not on the basis of personal jibes at its author or of facile political catch-phrases.

What is Mr Benn, assisted by his formidably talented economic adviser, Mr Francis Cripps, telling us? Essentially he has become the ministerial spokesman of the latest version of Professor Lord Kaldor's ever fertile quest for the roots of economic growth, though with Lord Kaldor officially advising the Chancellor on tax matters the clues have to be gleaned second-hand and assembled *from such manifestations as the* new Cambridge *Economic Policy Review*. Mr Benn's article in *Trade and Industry* (April 4), papers submitted to the Labour Party's industrial policy subcommittee (including that reported in *The Times* yesterday), in policy statements by the Tribune Group and in letters to the press such as Professor Robert Neild's in *The Times* yesterday.

In most of these the hand of Mr Cripps and the theories of his former mentor, Lord Kaldor, are to be discerned, though there is no reason to think that Lord Kaldor himself has played any active part in disseminating such thoughts outside academic contexts.

The essential notions are that growth occurs primarily in the manufacturing sector of an economy and that it can be sustained in an economy with a large external sector only if the driving force of expanding demand for the products of manufacturing industry comes from overseas. Stimulus by way of home demand leads only to excessive imports, balance of payments crises and an inter*ruption of expansion and in*vestment.

All of this was present in Lord Kaldor's thinking and writing in the 'sixties and early 'seventies. It was the basis of his emphasis on prompt and, if necessary, frequent devaluation, as well as of his invention of the Selective Employment Tax, with premia for manufacturing industries, and of the Regional Employment Premium. It also lies behind the so-called New Cambridge doctrine that the balance of payments should be balanced *by balancing the Budget*, while economic activity is regulated by managing export growth through the exchange rate, thus inverting the traditional text-book *rules of thumb* as commonly perceived by postwar policy-makers.

But recent experience has added two new twists to the application of Kaldorian growth theory to the British problem. First, slow and deficient growth is thought to be giving way to negative growth, that is, actual disinvestment leading to a process of cumulative de*industrialization. As Professor* Neild expressed it in his letter to *The Times* yesterday, "the likelihood is that if the (free trade) *rules of the EEC con*tinue to be applied, Britain will become *within* 10 years a derelict industrial area, with many factories closed down, industrial employment drastically reduced and no alternatives in *prospect but emigration. A de*cline of this sort, once it starts, *can be rapid.*"

The second change is loss of faith in devaluation as a mechanism for keeping Britain's manufacturing costs internationally competitive because, again in the words of Professor Neild, "except in conditions very favourable to wage stability—which we do not *now enjoy*—the stimulus it provides tends quickly to be eroded away by the inflation it generates". In addition, one discerns in Mr Cripps at least a certain atavistic loyalty to import quotas as practised by Sir Stafford Cripps when he was President of the Board of Trade and then Chancellor.

These developments of mainstream Kaldorianism, embellished by the rare quantitative artistry of Mr Wynne Godley, lead naturally enough to the characteristic Cambridge prescriptions, though allowance must be made for different nuances emphasized by different members of the school.

Peter Jay
Economics Editor

Mr Godley, now also a consul*tant at the Treasury, is not par*ticularly a socialist or a publicly declared anti-marketeer. Lord Kaldor and Professor Neild probably do not wholly endorse *the particular model of pay in*flation set forth in the recent *Economic Policy Review*. All of the economists have more time for market processes and signals *than Mr Benn and less time for* pure job-conservation.

But there is broad agreement that the Budget deficit must be sharply cut back over the next few years (hence presumably Mr Benn's acceptance of collective responsibility for the Budget), that import restrictions should be used to boost demand for British goods and so preserve high employment and that *drastic measures are needed to* arrest the decline in investment below the level needed even to maintain the nation's capital stock.

Broad assessment of Mr Benn's case must depend in part on comparison with some alternative strategy. But, first, one apparent internal inconsistency and a few obvious objections are worth noting. The inconsistency lies between the massive shift of resources from consumption to investment —equivalent to nearly 4 per cent of national output and *nearly 6 per cent of private* consumption—proposed by Mr Benn and the model of pay inflation set forth, mainly on Mr Cripps's initiative, in the Cam*bridge Economic Policy Review*.

If, as the Review argues, changes in the inflation rate are caused by the difference *between workers'* planned increases in real earnings and the actually available increase in real earnings, then reducing the available increases in real earnings (post-tax) *must* increase the rate of inflation. Without highly artificial assumptions about private savings and/or about workers' indifference to the "social wage", resources cannot be *shifted from consumption* and public spending to investment without reducing real earnings.

It is also doubtful whether government—or pension fund and insurance fund managers obliged to channel funds into manufacturing industry—can identify worthwhile investments which will add to the nation's *true industrial capacity to earn*, its living in the world rather than just boost the investment statistics. And there is, moreover, the obvious fear that the *extra funds will be used*, not to enhance new commercially viable enterprises, but to set obsolescent jobs in taxpayers' and pensioners' aspic.

But what is the orthodox alternative to Mr Benn? Essentially an economic liberal would propose: fiscal and monetary restraint to squeeze inflation *from the system*; sterling depreciation without any official intervention to whatever extent necessary to achieve a safely financeable foreign payments deficit and, thereafter, to ensure a world market-clearing price for British labour (though labour monopolies or cartels could still cause unemployment); and sufficient financial incentives to savers, inventors, entrepreneurs, managers and workers to *call forth* the required effort and enterprise. In such conditions the market would ensure whatever degree and direction of industrial progress *the basic endowments of* skill, knowledge and resources of the British economy can achieve, according to the liberal economist.

The Cambridge school are prone to reply that the indus*trial slide is now so* strongly established and the strength of organized labour so deeply entrenched that the economic liberal's new equilibrium would *be reached only at some* catastrophically low level of employment, living standards, industrialization and the sterling exchange rate. Mr Benn adds that even *the initial stages of* such a process, let alone its culmination, are utterly without the political tolerances of our times and that therefore, if for no other reason, such a strategy is not worth considering.

It is doubtful whether existing economic knowledge can definitively resolve even the economic elements in this debate; but there are definable questions of fact and of analysis which deserve serious debate. Otherwise the field will be left free to those sectional interests and know-nothing ideologues *whose political intelligence* has advanced not a step beyond nineteenth century concepts of capitalism and socialism, which are about as relevant to the *management of a modern* economy in trouble as was the resolution of Zeno's paradoxes to the progress of physics.

...usiness Diary: Carry on chartering • Longbridge's Robinson

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Messiah

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But outside the factory little is known of *Robinson* other than that, like Etheridge, he is a Communist.

In fact, he should be better known, because he has unsuccessfully *fought four general* elections as the Communist candidate for Northfield, the Birmingham constituency which includes Longbridge. Indeed, his last appearance led to a row between his own Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Transport and General Workers, because Robinson opposed their man, the present *sitting Labour member*, Ray Carter.

Robinson arrived at Longbridge in 1941 as a 14-year-old toolroom apprentice. It was in the same year that Etheridge first became an AUEW shop steward. Before he retired last year, Etheridge had quietly groomed the burly six-foot son of a Black Country family of chain makers to be his successor.

But like Etheridge's famous public confrontations with Austin chief Leonard Lord, Robin*son badly needs a cause célèbre* to win his spurs. He has found two: the proposed formation of a shop stewards' committee to represent the whole of the motor industry—and the Ryder report.

Yesterday, as joint chairman of the British Leyland combined shop stewards committee—another job formerly held by Etheridge—he took a leading role at a Birmingham press conference which revealed plans for the new all-powerful body. He could well become its first chairman.

At the same time he denounced Lord Stokes and John Barber, British Leyland's chairman and managing director, as "bloody incompetent" and "candidates for compulsory redundancy".

It was like watching the Etheridge of the 1950s all over again before Etheridge mellowed to the extent that Lord Stokes gave him a plush dinner party when he retired and in turn was presented with one of Mrs Etheridge's *famous* home-made Christmas pud*dings*.

Sweetener

The nationalization of Demerara Holdings, the Jessel Securities *subsidiary*, is probably a mixed curse for Oliver Jessel, whose stricken financial and industrial conglomerate is now under the tutelage of Hambros. With a bit of *luck compensation* from the Guyana Government *will yield him* much needed money.

It looks as if the Guyanese read the English financial papers. They seem to have spotted Jessel Securities' difficul...

Sir Peter Rawlinson: negotiator.

...ies and decided to nationalize Demerara Holdings but not the far larger Booker McConnell plantations. Demerara is only 15 per cent as *big* as the Booker estates.

Demerara has hired Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, the former Attorney-General, to negotiate compensation and it is thought that the Guyana Government wants talks completed quickly.

Sir Peter has recently been out to Guyana and has now gone back there.

Both sides are keeping their cards *well hidden*. Guyana has said it will not be bound by precedent, while Sir Peter will be armed with sums about the value of the land, the buildings *and machinery put on it* and the worth of the sugar it produces.

There is plenty of room for haggling here, and it may be wondered why Guyana wants to take over estates when, as in *the case of Booker, it gets a lot* of money by exacting levies on the crops. It seems that Guyana wants to learn about sugar estate management, which may be a chilling thought for Booker.

Super-optimist

Jacques Borel, the continental caterer, lived up to his reputation as a "*human computer*" when he, and entourage, flew into London yesterday to talk about his group's future.

At the drop of a hat he was prepared to tell an audience of bankers, stockbrokers and financial journalists exactly what the sales and profits of Jacques Borel would be in 1980 and beyond, as well as every possible business ratio applying to 1974.

Borel is a former IBM Computer man who once sold calculating machines in Vietnam. He opened his first Paris *restaurant in 1957* after doing a computer analysis of the potentially most profitable European business sectors. Catering came out tops.

He is forecasting sales of 5,000m francs for his group in 1980 and profits of 125m francs against figures of 797m and 33m for last year. By then *Borel will be the leading* catering concern in Europe and will have eased its way into the top three world groups, by stock market value, Borel says.

The 49-year-old mercurial Borel has an undeclared commercial war on with Britain's Sir Charles Forte and yesterday was uttering veiled threats of having the financial muscle to launch a new Norman invasion of British catering.

Jacques Borel International's shares should be quoted in Beirut later this year. They were listed in London last year and although demand has been small from a few City *institutions as yet, jobbers* reported yesterday that United Kingdom investors, eager for non-sterling securities, have started paying more attention to the shares.

Borel's super-optimism seems *the right formula for jaun*diced stock markets at the moment. The shares were up to 650 francs in Paris yesterday after falling to 350 late last year. If they hold this level there will be a 100m francs rights issue from Borel in a few months.

If that news would depress most shares Borel evidently believes that attack is the best method of defence.

WEIR

Points from the Statement by the Hon W. K. J. Weir, Chairman of the Weir Group Limited, for the 52 weeks ended 27th December, 1974.

The economic climate was one of unrelenting difficulty in 1974. In spite of this, profits before interest and tax advanced by some 15%.

After higher interest charges profit before tax showed a modest advance. Tax was high in relation to profits because of unrelieved tax losses in two Associate companies. Extraordinary items included a full provision of £903,000, partially offset by non-recurring credits, for currency revaluation in respect of the 7½% Deutschemark loan.

The Board's decision to recommend payment of a maintained dividend was made in the light of the exceptional nature of the non-recurring losses in the Building Division and of the favourable current outlook for the Group.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Continued progress was made in the oil industry and important pump orders were booked for North Sea oilfields and for shore terminals. Substantial business was secured at home and abroad, especially in pumps for water supply schemes.

Our steel foundries had a successful year. There is no doubt that the Group's massive investment is beginning to justify itself in improved efficiency and productivity. Demand for castings for oil production, mining, natural gas and nuclear engineering is particularly strong.

In 1974 our companies in the hydraulic and pneumatic seal industry made good progress, as did our patternmaking companies. The aircraft equipment companies showed much improved results.

Although desalination is a very competitive market it is rapidly developing into a major part of our business and we intend to maintain our position as the leading company in the field. Apart from two companies our Associates contributed substantial profits. The total contribution of our overseas companies was a record.

PROSPECTS

The Group started 1975 with a record order book of £100 million. So far this year orders are holding up well for pumps, steel castings and aircraft equipment. Sales prospects are good for desalination plant.

In spite of many difficulties our operating budget for 1975 indicates a considerable improvement in profits.

	1974 £'000s	1973 £'000s
TURNOVER	89,150	78,063
Profit before interest and tax	6,524	5,686
Interest	3,500	2,729
Profit before tax	3,024	2,957
Tax	1,797	1,005
Profit after tax	1,227	1,952
Profit attributable to minority interests	173	131
Profit before extraordinary items	1,054	1,821
Deduct extraordinary items	788	607
Profit attributable to shareholders	266	1,214
Dividends—3.85p per share (1973: same)	694	694
Earnings per share	5.8p	10.1p
Shareholders' Capital and Reserves	19,882	20,168

Weir Group—pumps, power plant auxiliaries, valves, steel castings, metal pattern equipment, hydraulic and pneumatic seals, aircraft equipment, water desalination plant. Group companies, employing 12,000, in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa, France, Italy, Spain and Holland.

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from The Secretary, The Weir Group Limited, Cathcart, Glasgow G44 4EX.

THE WEIR GROUP LIMITED

Two British groups to join in Iran projects

By Edward Townsend

Two British companies, the Alfred Herbert machine tool group and Bridon, formerly British Ropes, have successfully negotiated participation agreements in important Iranian industrial development projects.

Herbert, whose future as Britain's leading machine tool manufacturer is in the hands of the Government, has won an interest in the expansion of Iran's machine tool industry and has already received an order for machines worth more than £1m.

The agreement, reached with Iran's Industrial Development and Renovation Organization, covers the manufacture under licence of Herbert machine tools by the state-owned Machine Sazi Tabriz company and joint technical and marketing activity.

Mr Neale Raine, Herbert's chief executive, described the agreement as an important breakthrough for United Kingdom industry. Herbert has already carried out a preliminary survey of Machine Sazi in preparation for adapting manufacturing technology. Iranian engineers are to be trained at Herbert's Coventry and Birmingham plants.

According to Herbert, the new agreement could lead to future cooperation and support from Iran in advanced development of machine tools.

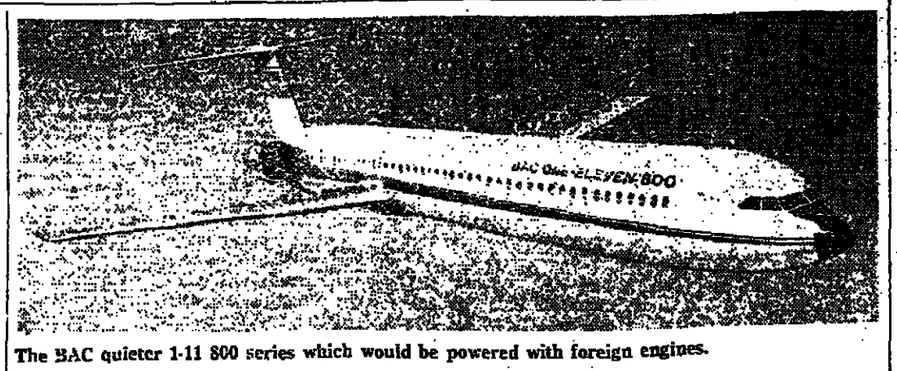
The Bridon deal covers a project for the manufacture of high tensile wire and wire rope in conjunction with the Industrial Credit Bank of Iran and Mr Hashem Farhang, a Tehran businessman.

Bridon and Mr Farhang are to be the principle shareholders in a new company with the bank providing the majority of the loan capital. The first phase of the project will cost £3m and the total cost is estimated at £7.5m. Bridon's share of the equity will be 35 per cent, costing £535,000 during the first phase.

The new company will be chiefly engaged in the manufacture of wire for prestressed concrete, bedding and seating, industrial springs and aluminium conductors, and wire rope for the construction, oil, water drilling and general engineering industries.

Bridon said yesterday that the initial capacity of the new plant would be 10,000 tons a year of wire, wire rope and strand products. This is to be phased to meet increasing demand in the Iranian market and is also intended to offer attractive opportunities for exports.

The new company is scheduled to begin manufacture early next year



The BAC quieter 1-11 800 series which would be powered with foreign engines.

New BAC 1-11 uses foreign engine

By Arthur Reed

British Aircraft Corporation yesterday unveiled a new version of their 1-11 family of airliners, the series 800, using for the first time a foreign engine instead of the traditional Rolls-Royce Spey.

It is proposed by BAC that the General Electric/Snecma CFM 56 turbofan, an engine being jointly developed by the United States and France, should power the series 800.

The engine, two development versions of which are running, one in America and one in France, would be bought "off the shelf" by BAC for the 800, if the £50m needed to develop the airframe from the existing 1-11 series were forthcoming from the British Government.

The series 800 could prove to be one of a family of European airliners for the future being planned by BAC, Hawker Siddeley and aircraft manufacturing companies in France, West Germany and Italy for the closing years of this century.

All are based on well-proven existing aircraft, as in the present time of economic stringency, airlines are shy of ordering high-cost new models.

The aircraft would carry up to 160 passengers over a maximum range of 2,400 miles. BAC executives claimed yesterday that in fuel consumption and noise "footprints" on the ground it would be better than any of the latest-generation wide-body airliners, including the quietest of them all at present, the European A300 airbus.

They saw a world market, or up to 750, for this type of aircraft up to the middle 1980s, of which BAC could win 25 per cent. The new airliner had been offered to airlines all over the world, and 40 to 50 orders would be needed before a decision to go ahead was made.

At the same time, BAC was offering a 700 series 1-11 with up to 134 seats and powered by two Rolls-Royce 606 engines, a developed, and quieter version of the engine which at present powers the 200 1-11s in service

India is to buy three A300 European airbuses, each able to carry 317 passengers and with a range of 1,500 miles, according to reports from Delhi. The decision means that for the first time, India is adopting airliners other than wholly British or of United States makes.

Renault may outsell Datsun in Britain

By Business News Staff

Renault is expected to displace Datsun this month as the leading importer of foreign cars into the United Kingdom. It will be the first time since last November that the Japanese manufacturer has not held the leading position.

Last month Renault captured 4.96 per cent of the British car market, and it is thought that increased sales this month have boosted the company's penetration to almost 7 per cent.

The switch will not add weight to the continuing complaints from the British industry that Japanese cars are being dumped in this country.

hTe Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has put together a case against the Japanese which it intends to present to the Government, but declined yesterday to reveal details.

Although Toyota has stated its hope of expanding its car sales in this country this year by 50 per cent, Datsun has Datsun has adopted a more cautious attitude with a plan to sell slightly fewer than its 1974 total of 58,758 cars.

Datsun is thought to be preparing for another price rise in Britain next month which could also undermine the dumping allegations.

The company's stocks of unsold cars in this country is believed to be only one month's supply, or about 6,000 cars

Present fuel economy can save UK £250m

Present fuel economies could save £250m on the balance of payments in a full year, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, told a parliamentary sub-committee yesterday.

Energy consumption from December to February was 7 per cent lower than in the same period two years ago, he said.

"While some of this drop is certainly due to the warmer weather and lower industrial activity, it may well be half of the 7 per cent can be ascribed to energy savings", Mr Varley added.

He rejected what he called a policy of "gloom and doom" involving switching off city floodlighting and illuminated advertisements.

Mr Alex Fletcher, Conservative MP for Edinburgh, North, said it was bad psychology, if housewives were asked to save fuel, for Piccadilly Circus advertisements to be lit up in mid afternoon.

Mr Varley replied that the total saving from switching off the illuminated advertisements would be infinitesimal compared with the energy used in the country.

Some buildings were floodlit as a tourist attraction, and some for security reasons. The substantial savings would come from industry, he added.

District heating: By the end of the century Britain could prove to have wasted billions of pounds on imported fuel because it had become accustomed to squandering energy in the years when the world had a surplus of cheap fuel, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, said yesterday.

Speaking at the first national conference on district heating at Brighton, he added: "The remedy to the threat of the new energy situation lies in our own hands.

"I am glad to be associated through the Government's advisory council on energy conservation with the national campaign to cut energy consumption and to look for long-term economies through policies which will aim at more efficient use of our indigenous supplies and so enable us to reduce and hopefully, eliminate the need for imports which are currently adding £3,000m a year to our overseas trade deficit."

Sir Derek said district heating had flourished in the Scandinavian countries, but Britain had been slow in following their example. However, study tours on the continent and in the United States by British consulting engineers in the 1960s had resulted in the gradual establishment in the United Kingdom of group and district heating.

"More than 400 schemes—large and small—are now operating in Britain", Sir Derek added.

It was encouraging that the Central Electricity Generating Board had been energetically studying the feasibility of small combined heat and power stations designed to optimize the use of heat that would otherwise go to waste in cooling water.

HUGH MACKAY
and Company Limited
Manufacturers of High Quality 'Durham' Carpets
®Durham Carpets

Mr. John Mackay reports

	1974	1973
TURNOVER (net invoiced sales)	£6,450,810	£6,298,022
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	462,959	930,493
PROFIT AFTER TAX	180,959	430,493
Earnings per Ordinary Share	3.74p	8.90p
Dividend per Ordinary Share (including associated tax credit)	4.20p	3.78p

- Sales volume was equal in each half of 1974 and thus demonstrates our achievement in the second half when trading conditions were known to be deteriorating.
- We were encouraged by our ability to increase exports by nearly 70%, thus to cushion the drop in home market sales which was aggravated by legislation to curb demand at home.
- We have modern plant and building, considerable expertise in designing, weaving and selling quality carpets and, being financially sound, the company is firmly based to invest further and in the appropriate direction as circumstances present themselves.
- We are working to develop those markets and products which will progressively be to our advantage as the clouds lift around the world.

Carpet Factory, P.O. Box No. 1, Freeman's Place, Durham City

Burma state oil company seeks backing from City

By William Gillen

Burma's national oil company is seeking loans in Britain to develop big oil fields in central Burma and to finance offshore exploration and drilling programmes.

The Burmese want the money for three major fields in the interior and have approached one merchant bank in the City, and possibly several others.

Underwriting Burmese oil exploitation is being considered but apparently no decisions have been taken. Burma is also seeking finance from the United States and in Arab countries.

The amount they are seeking is between £600m and £800m. The Burmese consider there is no real risk because of the immense riches in their onshore oil fields.

A mission from the Burmese government and Myanma Oil Corporation of Rangoon, the national company, was in London last week. The Burmese are also seeking experts from British and American oil companies to develop the fields.

The three fields in the interior are Yanangyaung, Singu and Minbu, according to the commercial section of the Burmese Embassy in London.

Oil experts say that Burma has one of the greatest oil potentials of any country in South-East Asia, including China, where big discoveries have recently been made, and Indonesia which is already prominent as an oil-rich nation.

Burma is also carrying out extensive offshore exploration, so far with no major finds. They have seismic evidence, however, of rich oil potential in the coastal seabed.

Offshore work is easy, compared with the North Sea because the water is shallow and weather conditions are ideal.

Development of the Burmese oil industry has had a chequered career. Rich fields were destroyed by retreating British forces in 1942.

Since the war developments have often been held up by political uncertainty, and guerrilla warfare. Various companies have been taken over by the Burmese government in setting up the national oil company, and this has apparently caused further considerable delays.

Burma is now anxious to make full use of its oil because of the serious economic condition of the country.

British Mohair Spinners

Dividend held in difficult year

Trading – In 1974 the Group experienced some of the worst trading conditions it has known for many years. However, the Board is recommending an effectively unchanged total distribution of 13.56% gross.

Prospects – Although trading in 1975 will still be difficult, we are going ahead with our plans for modernisation of buildings and machinery. This will enable the Group to take immediate advantage of any recovery in world trade.

T.W. Hibbert, Chairman.

1974 Results	
Turnover	£13,478,000
Net profit before taxation	£821,000
Earnings per Ordinary Share	3.43p
Net dividend per Ordinary Share	2.27p
Tangible asset value per Ordinary Share	52.25p

The East Asiatic Company Limited, Copenhagen

Annual Report 1974

Introduction

Already towards the close of 1973 the favourable world trade conditions had turned into a period of instability particularly actuated by the events surrounding the supplies of oil from The Middle East countries. In the course of 1974 a marked weakening set in which by the end of the year had assumed recessionlike proportions with serious impact on international economic life.

This development has made itself felt also in our own country where, regrettably, in recent years costs have been allowed to rise without restriction, thereby impairing our competitiveness and at the same time bringing about a serious unemployment situation.

Thanks to the Company's diversified global operations, the setback which has been experienced in certain areas of trade and industry, has been offset by other activities, notably through increased earnings in shipping where the return is now more in line with the considerable investments involved, for example in containerization.

The Group turnover has increased from kr 17,500 million in 1973 to kr 18,800 million in 1974. Approximately 86% of the turnover is derived from activities outside Denmark.

Having regard to the large depreciations effected on the fleet in earlier years, it has not been deemed necessary to provide additional extraordinary depreciations this year. However, an amount of kr 100 million has been set aside to a special fund to meet possible extraordinary risks in the light of the difficult economic conditions which are prevailing and which may prove to be of long duration.

The Parent Company's net result for 1974 is a profit of kr 102.9 million, compared with kr 106.6 million the previous year. The result is arrived at after deduction of depreciation on ships, buildings, etc. and company taxes amounting to kr 110.1 million.

With the addition of kr 16.5 million brought forward from the previous year, the amount at disposal totals kr 119.4 million, which it is proposed to appropriate in accordance with the profit & loss statement, page XI, including distribution to shareholders of a dividend of 12%, equivalent to kr 60 million.

Copies of the full Report are available on request.

Extracts from the Chairman's speech at the Annual General Meeting in Copenhagen on 25th March, 1975.

Again this year, a consolidated balance sheet for the EAC group of companies has been drawn up. In addition we are this year for the first time also publicizing a profit and loss account for the group as a whole, comprising 197 companies of which 158 are registered abroad.

The group results after taxes amount to kr 294 million in 1974 compared with kr 243 million in the previous year, showing an increase of kr 51 million. However, after providing for extraordinary depreciation on the Company's ships of nearly kr 100 million in 1973 there is, as will be seen, a certain decrease compared with the previous year. This reflects the setbacks experienced by some of our group companies in 1974, as referred to in the Annual Report, including in particular the wool trading company Bloch & Behrens and our food processing and canning industries.

In 1974 world trade conditions generally have been unfavourable, especially during the last six months of the year. In spite of this our Company has succeeded in obtaining satisfactory results, due not least to our shipping activities where we are now beginning to reap the fruits of the introduction of our modern container vessels.

Before I answer possible questions from the assembly, it will no doubt interest you to hear how we evaluate the prospects for 1975.

As stated in the Annual Report now before us, the weakening in world trade conditions assumed recession-like proportions towards the end of the year under review, and no signs of improvement are yet in sight. This has in particular been noticeable in our own country where we have been experiencing steep rises in costs to the detriment of the competitiveness of Danish industry.

It is to be expected that the present adverse world trade conditions cannot help but affect the Company's shipping activities in 1975 having regard to the already declining freight market. Also here the weak US Dollar, to which most freight rates are tied, has had an adverse influence.

Fortunately, however, there are some encouraging prospects in other parts of the world, of which I shall restrict myself to mention only a few.

In North America, the forest industry on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada, is still benefitting from a reasonably satisfactory price level for pulp, whereas the timber market continues to be weak.

In South America, the rapid development is continuing in Brazil. Activities in this area are being intensified, and prospects look promising.

In Africa, Nigeria in particular – thanks especially to the considerable production of oil – is undergoing a period of strong expansion, in which our organization, R. T. Briscoe (Nigeria) Limited, takes an active part. The country's increasing activities and growing imports, however, are causing considerable difficulties for the shipping trade because of the still inadequate port facilities, but the development towards containerization will no doubt prove advantageous here as well.

With regard to Asia, it is very gratifying to note that the Far Eastern countries, in which our Company has considerable interests, have only been affected to a smaller degree by the weakening world trade conditions. The initiative and zeal which is typical of these countries have proved an effective bulwark against the economic setback.

All in all, the outlook for our overseas branches and associated companies is of course varied, but we are convinced that our Company's diversification and geographical spread will see us through the difficult trade conditions which we are experiencing. We intend to pursue our present policy – with particular emphasis on developing and modernizing our fleet, and intensifying the industrial activities abroad – and we are confident that also in 1975 it will be possible for our Company to show reasonable results of our efforts.

Group Profit and Loss Account for 1974

		1974 (1,000 kr)	1973 (1,000 kr)
Turnover		18,768,629	17,545,776
External turnover	14,713,716		13,637,103
Internal turnover	4,054,913		3,908,673
	18,768,629		17,545,776
Result of Activities			
Turnover and result of activities derive from:	External turnover		
Shipping	1,394,330	230,924	138,423
Trade	7,105,702	249,212	315,119
Industry	5,491,594	445,545	389,623
Forest and plantation industry	657,172	188,712	188,717
Miscellaneous income	64,918	23,157	33,223
	14,713,716	1,137,550	1,065,105
Dividend on investments outside the Group		16,141	8,979
		1,153,691	1,074,084
Administration expenses		281,714	237,275
Profit before Depreciations		871,977	836,809
Depreciations		214,394	308,639
Profit before Financing Expenses		657,583	528,170
Financing expenses		206,852	153,100
		450,731	375,070
Extraordinary expenses and income		29,048	26,194
Profit before Taxation		421,683	401,264
Corporation tax		127,269	159,344
Group Result for the Year		294,414	242,920
Minority shareholders' share in the results of subsidiary companies		101,906	96,480
The East Asiatic Company, Limited's share in the Group Result (before allocation of D.kr 100 million to the Parent Company's "special contingency fund")		192,508	146,440

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Statement to Shareholders by the Chairman of Tube Investments Ltd.

British Industry, the real dangers

Lord Plowden attacks "A recipe for industrial stagnation and national decline".

In my last three Statements I have found it necessary to call attention to the severe burden that inflation imposes, particularly on the manufacturing sector of industry, merely to finance the increase in value of working capital associated with existing volume of output, let alone finance expansion.

Inflation and Squeeze

When the Conservative Government towards the end of 1972 reversed its previous course and introduced a statutory prices and incomes policy I said that although the measures would involve rough justice they would have our full support if they reduced the inflation rate, since this would in itself remove the principal worry affecting the business world.

In the event, the introduction of the prices and incomes policy which we had hoped would ease the difficulties caused by inflation has turned out to be the beginning of a period of severe squeeze on industry. The statutory control of prices has imposed severe restraints on companies without any matching restraint in demands for higher pay. This combination has reduced the liquidity and profitability of industry to the point where investment is declining, unemployment is increasing, and many firms will fail or come under the control of the Government, which has itself caused many of the troubles.

It must be acknowledged that in his Budget of November 1974 the Chancellor recognised the need to allow industry to retain paper profits arising from inflationary increases in stock values. This was a most welcome relief and we hope that the temporary arrangement based on deferment of tax will be succeeded by a permanent and comprehensive reform following the report of the Sandilands Committee.

The Inflexible Straitjacket

However this taxation relief cannot be fully effective so long as statutory price control operates to prevent the earning of adequate profits. Despite minor relaxations the price code is still an extremely inflexible straitjacket. The product price controls are based on movement in unit cost of production. One consequence is that in a period of high volume of output the effect of volume in reducing unit cost is an offset to rising material and wage costs, so that profits are held back. Another consequence is that any reduction in unit costs resulting from some improvement to equipment or production methods is also a deduction from rising material and wage costs. Despite this, a further 20 per cent of wage cost increases is disallowed as a so-called productivity deduction. In effect companies are penalised for achieving the productivity improvements that the legislation was designed to encourage.

On top of the product price control is the further overall constraint of profit margin reference levels. These impose a control of percentage profit on sales based on a time several years ago when the inflation rate was at levels that would now be regarded as negligible, and stock appreciation is included in profits for the purposes of this control.

Outdated Rules

It must surely be wrong for this country to enter the second half of this decade with industry attempting to operate within insensitive arithmetical constraints based on the general business situation and on particular company performances going as far back as 1968. Even if the rules were administered with some flexibility their whole basis must become increasingly unrealistic. In the national interest price control should be abolished. It is my hope that by the time these words are read the Chancellor will have followed up his sensible taxation relief in his November 1974 Budget by abolishing price control in his April 1975 Budget.

To the business world it seems as if the objective of the tax system is to extract the maximum of tax from companies and from investors who provide risk capital, rather than to give any consideration to the most efficient way of ensuring a reasonable supply of funds for the investment the country so much needs.

All the Worst Taxes

The operation of corporation tax, the investment income surcharge, capital gains tax and now the prospective wealth and capital transfer taxes, on top of a fiercely progressive tax on all incomes – these taken together are a burden which has dangerous implications for our future. Other countries have some of these taxes but very few have them all. There is a real danger that Britain may end up with the worst features of each.

We strongly support the C.B.I.'s proposal for a thorough review of the tax system, preferably by Royal Commission. We would particularly urge that there is an inherent contradiction in offering successive ad hoc tax incentives and reliefs in favour of particular classes of expenditure (e.g. on plant and machinery and stocks) unless there is at the same time some sensible and reasonable review of the tax burdens which are currently levied on the income from the savings which must provide a vital part of the funds required to finance the expenditure in question.

Creeping Nationalisation

While industry is constrained and handicapped in all these ways the Industry Bill threatens rescue and support for those who have proved for one reason or another less able to survive in these testing conditions, and to compete with a bottomless purse against efficient companies. This is a recipe for industrial stagnation and national decline. The powers the Bill proposes for the Secretary of State for Industry and the National Enterprise Board to acquire profitable companies in whole or in part represent a real threat of creeping nationalisation.

Experience of State ownership in this country does not suggest to any objective observer that it improves the efficiency or industrial relations performance of the industry or company concerned. Nationalisation has tended to inhibit changes in industrial structure and activity which are necessary for our future as a major industrial and economic force, because Government finds itself exposed to pressures to prevent rationalisation or modernisation programmes that might mean reduced employment in the short term. Nor is there any evidence that the great majority of workers want any more of it.

The other important objectionable feature of the Industry Bill is the provision for compulsory disclosure of company plans to Government and to the Unions.

Uncertainty, Speculation, Unrest

The broad intentions of major companies which are of interest to Government when they formulate their own plans are normally discussed with Government already on a voluntary basis. However, there are relatively few areas of any business in which plans can be formulated in the detail and with the precision implied by the disclosure provisions of the Industry Bill.

Circumstances and opportunities change and several options with different implications may have to be kept open to a late stage. Intentions reported in good faith could be interpreted as commitments, and compulsory disclosure of hypothetical "information" might well lead to uncertainty, speculation, and needless concern and unrest. The proposal to take powers for compulsory disclosure of such "information" to Government and Unions betrays a total lack of appreciation of the practical problems of managing industry efficiently and competitively.

Responsible Unions Outflanked

Politicians of all parties have been suggesting for years, and particularly recently, that industry has let the country down, and this is one of the reasons put forward for the Industry Bill. Of course industrial management can be improved. But it is far more up-to-date than our antiquated Trade Union structure, which is completely unable to enforce a common policy, so that small groups can now disrupt the whole economy with consequences doing most harm to the great majority of workers themselves, while politicians stand idly by. Moderate and responsible union leaders are constantly out-flanked by irresponsible and militant minorities often acting for political motives.

The main difficulty with which management has to contend is with politicians. It is not industry which is responsible for the alternations of Stop and Go, or for the steady inroads on company liquidity, both of which create a climate in which it is surprising that industry invests as much as it does.

Confidence Eroded

It is not industry which overloads the economy to the point where any increase in exports brings in compensating and more expensive imports: nor is it industry which is constantly pushing up home costs and thus undermining our competitive position in overseas markets, often achieved with great effort. We would all like more investment and more exports, but the confidence needed for both of them is continually eroded by chopping and changing of Government policies.

Another issue of great importance to the future of British Industry is UK membership of EEC. Like most of industry TI is adapting its operations to the opportunities and challenges provided by UK membership and like most of industry we believe strongly that our continued membership is in the best interests of the economy and of the country. I have always thought that it was the right policy for Britain to join the EEC. Our trading relationships with the rest of the world, and especially the Commonwealth, were becoming restricted even prior to joining.

Disastrous to leave EEC

Before entry, however, it was possible to contend that the arguments for or against entry were not too unevenly balanced. But in my view it would now be quite disastrous to try and retrace our steps, which it is no longer possible for us realistically to tread. Our former partners have made other arrangements and it is their own wish that we should remain in.

I wish to call your attention to a small donation which qualified as political. It is one of £1,000 to the Centre for Policy Studies. This was established to study what is called the social market economy. Its followers believe that a strong private enterprise sector operating under competitive conditions makes for the most effective use of resources and that the alternative is an all-pervading bureaucracy which the great majority of people would not want if they understood the real issues. They hope themselves that the Centre can contribute to a better understanding of what is involved.

As will be evident from this statement, I believe that the whole future of British private industry is now under question and that there is a real danger of its demise. I think therefore that the study of the issues and a campaign for public education about them should be supported on as wide a basis as possible.

Why I speak out

In his statement Lord Plowden gives his qualifications for speaking out about industry and the politicians.

It is time industry spoke out and from the experience of a lifetime in commerce, government service and industry I venture to do so. For the past 12 years I have been Chairman of a major industrial company. Before that I was the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority. I was a Treasury official and Chief Economic Planner both to Socialist and Conservative Governments. During the war I was head of various production Departments in the Ministry of Aircraft Production, of which I ultimately became Chief Executive. And before the war I was a salesman of electronic and chemical products.

Thus I have seen industry as an industrialist and a Government official, in each case both from senior and junior positions. In the course of my career I have worked for, and seen at close quarters, politicians of both parties. Industrial management in my experience would emerge favourably from a comparison.

I have also had considerable experience of companies operating overseas, and can say with confidence that a great part of British management compares favourably with that to be found abroad, despite the fact that conditions in many other countries are less onerous than those which we face at home.

In my own experience, the level of management has improved greatly over the last 10 years. I say this from direct observation gained from almost weekly visits to your works at home and abroad, and from my acquaintance with the young men who pass through the London Business School, of which I am Chairman. Could incompetent management have achieved in 1971 exports of 23% of Gross Domestic Product for the UK compared with 22% for Germany and 12% for Japan? That was a year when the economy was not overloaded and management could demonstrate their efficiency unimpeded by incompetent management of the economy.

Telling the TI team

In TI we have been increasingly conscious of the need to keep our employees at all levels informed of what we are doing and of changes that are being made, particularly when these are likely to affect their conditions of work or their jobs.

The main effort has been at the local level where we have encouraged the setting up of joint committees with management to discuss the economic situation in each company, and other matters that affect our employees' livelihood at work. For the last two years we have also published a special edition of our house magazine, the TI Magazine, summarising the information in this annual report.

This year we are making a special attempt to explain TI's financial results and situation in a way which we hope will be understandable and of interest to all employees. I doubt whether the amount of information given to employees and the degree of disclosure now undertaken, not only by TI but by most progressive companies, is properly appreciated by Government and the general public.

In a most difficult year I wish to thank all in the offices and on the shop floor who helped to overcome the many difficulties and contributed to our successful performance.

The rights issue

So long as present conditions obtain there is no possibility of manufacturing industry generating and retaining sufficient funds to be self-financing. TI has sustained its level of activities and investment in recent times by increased borrowing; but this process cannot continue indefinitely.

We concluded the time had come to increase our risk capital and equity base and have invited shareholders to subscribe £13.8m by way of a rights issue.

Prospects

A strength of the Group is its counter-cyclical diversity of products and markets which should enable profits to be maintained at about recent levels, at least for the first half of 1975. The economic uncertainties make it difficult to look much further ahead.

The results

In a year which began with the three day week and ended with recession conditions in most of the western world I think it can reasonably be claimed that TI's performance was commendable.

The Group had a substantial cash requirement over the year arising principally from increases in working capital which was met by additional borrowings. Despite this we maintained the higher level of capital expenditure we had planned for 1974. Among the most successful parts of the Group during the year were those where we have made substantial capital investment over recent years, notably the Steel Tube Division.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	1974 £'000	1973 £'000
External Sales	*502,453	405,101
Trading Profit	45,699	36,762
Profit before Tax	41,055	33,669
Taxation	21,185	15,924
Earnings for the Year	18,256	16,587
Earnings per Share (Basic)	48.4p	44.2p

*£220 million sales to overseas customers of which £94 million were exports from the UK.

No. of Employees in the UK.	53,000
No. of Shareholders	47,500

Tube Investments Limited

Spillers slump over 30 pc as baking business loses £7m

By Desmond Quigley

Spillers, the milling and pet foods group, have turned in disappointing final results with pre-tax profits down 31.3 per cent from £10.7m to £7.35m on a 27 per cent increase in turnover, up from £409m to £519m for the year to February 1.

A notable feature of the preliminary figures was a drop in profits from associated companies from £1.47m to £801,000, which compares with an announced first half profit of £767,000. The main reason was the exclusion from the final result of any profits from the National Milling Company in Zambia, in which Spillers has a 24.5 per cent stake.

Mr Michael Vernon, Spillers' chairman, said that any profits had been excluded because a promised subsidy from the Zambian Government had not yet been forthcoming. An announcement was hoped for shortly which should release profits of £589,000.

The final dividend will be the same as last year at 2.5p a share gross, giving a total of 3.5p for the year, again similar to the previous year. Earnings per share slipped to 2.76p from 4.07p.

Apart from the Zambian situation, the company last year faced sizable lossees on the bakery side as well as higher interest charges. Interest on bank overdrafts and short-term loans cost £5.53m, against £3.02m the previous year, although there was an improvement in the second half.

Describing the final figures as "ghastly", Mr Vernon said the baking side had lost nearly £7m during the year. The bakery workers strike had accounted for £800,000, while the rest of the loss was attributable to Price Code regulations.

The company's shares dipped 2p following the final announcement, leaving the group capitalized at £48m.

Sharp turnround in second half for News Int

A feature of the full year results of News International, the newspaper group which publishes *The Sun* and the *News of the World*, is the strong upsurge in profits in the second half. This helped the group recover somewhat from the disastrous first leg when profits were more than halved. None the less, Mr Rupert Murdoch, the chairman, stresses that the overall profitability was not sufficient to either finance capital developments or maintain the real value of dividends.

Group taxable profits for 1974 showed a 36 per cent fall from £10.3m to £6.5m—the second half showing a fall of 12 per cent from £5.69m to £5m and the first a fall from £4.62m to £1.54m. Turnover ended showing a 22 per cent gain from £79.4m to £96.8m, the second half accounting for a 25 per cent rise from £41.9m to £52.3m.

The total dividend is being raised from 10.03p to 10.42p with a final payment of 5.25p. Group reserves have been increased by £6.1m from a revaluation of the group's principal commercial freehold properties.

Casino side does less well for J Coral

A reverse in the fortunes of the casino division of the J. Coral betting and gaming group, coupled with the need to make special provisions against the fall in property values in an associate company, caused a downturn in profits for 1974. Pre-tax profits are down from £5.02m to £4.52m and the attributable is down from £2.2m to £1.8m and earnings a share from 14.3p to 11.2p. Turnover increased from £106m to £134m.

The first three months of 1975 have produced a rise in turnover from £29m to £30m, and in trading profit from £1.1m to £1.4m. Pre-tax profits show an increase from £1m to £1.28m, while the attributable is £514,000, against £455,000.

The bookmaking division has been hit by the effects of bad weather on race meetings, but the board reports that margins have been good, and satisfactory profits earned.

The directors think that the improved quarterly trend will be maintained.

Weir set to beat £3m

In spite of difficulties the operating budget of the Weir Group indicates a considerable improvement in profits, Mr William Weir, chairman, writes in his review. Last year the group earned just over £3m pre-tax.

This year has started with a strong order book, but an adverse factor is that wage inflation is at a much higher rate than that affecting foreign competitors. It is going to be increasingly difficult, therefore, to remain competitive abroad at current exchange rates and the pricing of long-term contracts is becoming "increasingly hazardous and difficult", Mr Weir adds.

What is needed in the longer term is a practical and consistent government policy worked out in cooperation with industry to create economic strength and prosperity, he adds.

Stock markets

Gains reversed in heavy trading

The stock market had another busy session yesterday, with gilts again weak and equities finally running into some profit taking after one of the heaviest day's trade on record.

Share prices opened the day with a further upsurge which carried the *FT* index to 363.9. Property shares again attracted substantial buying interest, with banking and insurance shares also soaring ahead. The suspension of shares in **BLMC** at 6½p —ahead of publication of the Ryder report—had little effect on the rest of the market. Nor did the press reports that Mr Benn has proposed that some private sector investment should be channelled through the National Enterprise Board appear to upset the stock market.

The market expects news this week of developments at Catel Trust. The 10 million shares recently sold by Jessel Securities are thought to have gone to Sluter Walker Securities.

But around midday, profit takers came into the equity market and share prices turned back dramatically. The setback gathered pace in late dealings when the City buzzed with rumours that a substantial rights issue was coming, probably in the insurance sector, as suggested here yesterday.

By the end of the day, the gossips even had the details of the rights issue at their finger tips—one for three from Sun Alliance at 350p. Shares in Sun Alliance touched 467p at best yesterday but plunged to 420p before the close, a net 37p down.

Turnover in equities was said to be heavier than on Wednesday when the money total of £172m topped all previous daily totals, with the exception of Tuesday's figure which was bloated by the £77m placing of Bats shares.

The swing from early gains to sizable losses included most of the industrial share sections. Almost the only exceptions were in the international stocks, which benefited from a further rise in the investment dollar premium to 108 per cent. **Philips Lamp and Unilever NV** were both firmer with the premium, which also boosted gold shares again.

But shares in **Unilever Ltd** fell steadily in response to the chairman's comments at the annual meeting, to close a net 16p down at 368p. **ICI** rose to 262p initially, in spite of the bearish statement which accompanied fund raising in the United States, but later fell to 250p, a net 8p lower. **Courtaulds** ended 5p off at 120p, **Bats** 7½p down at 305p and **Bowater** 8p down at 145p. The pattern was the same throughout the market.

The first hour saw a further rush for property shares. But **MEPC** closed 9p down at 200p after 227p, and **Land Securities** 4p off at 225p after 252p.

Oil shares too were overborne by the profit takers, but losses were small. Gold shares raced ahead again behind the dollar premium. Gains of £1 and more lifted **FS Geduld** to £29¾, **P. Brand** to £23 and **P. Steyn** to £19. **De Beers** (284p) were strong among diamonds.

Equity turnover on April 22 £172.3m (32,084 bargains).

Beecham Group's shares slipped 2p to 264p yesterday but they have risen from 116p earlier this year and now yield only 2.6 per cent. If markets hold up, there should be little trouble in making a large and attractive rights issue.

Gilts suffered a sharp reverse, with all sections of the market showing large losses. Dealers said that it was difficult to pinpoint a special factor, although the recent fall in interest rates seems to have lost its impetus for the time being.

"Shorts" opened easier and were hit by continuous selling almost from the outset. The market tended to be one-way and prices closed at the bottom. Losses ranged up to ¼ to 1 point. "Longs" were barely steady at the opening and also lost ground steadily. Here too losses were generally of ¼ to 1 point.

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Unilever, ICI, National Westminster, Bats, Boots, Great Universal Stores "A", Barclays Bank, Marks & Spencer, Shell and Lonrho.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Astbury & Madeley (5p) Fin	0.87	0.77	10/6	1.31	1.16
Danish Bacon (£1) Fin	4.21	3.4	—	9.43	8.4
Delta Metal (25p) Fin	3.48	3.15	13/6	6.19	5.5
De Vere Hotels (25p) Fin	3.0	2.5	1/7	5.50	4.75
Fairview Estates (10p) Fin	4.08	4.02	—	7.07	6.82
Francis Inds (25p) Fin	2.36	2.1	—	3.54	3.15
Gill & Duffus (25p) Fin	2.35	2.33†	1/7	5.29	4.70†
Int	1.00	2.94	1/7	—	5.29
Jamesons Choes (10p) Fin	2.4	2.32	—	3.7	3.57
Jessel Toynbe (25p) Fin	4.8	3.91	29/5	6.1	5.19
Judge Int (25p) Int	0.77	0.67	30/5	—	2.75
Kuala Selangor (10p)	1.95	1.75	17/6	1.95	1.75
Lefarge Org (25p) Fin	1.01	1.74	1/7	2.27	3.0
Nairn Williamson (£1) Fin	0.87	3.37	5/6	5.98	8.26
News Int (25p) Fin	5.29	5.03	13/6	10.42	10.08
Ready Mixed (10p) Fin	1.84	3.46	—	5.12	6.60
Root Harvesters (10p) Fin	1.53	1.5	14/6	2.53	2.25
Geo. G. Sandeman (25p) Fin	2.02	2.23	—	3.51	3.12
Wm. Sindall (25p)	5.17	4.59	7/7	5.17	4.59
Smith St Aubyn (25p) Fin	4.38	Nil	4/6	8.11	3.5
Spillers (25p) Fin	2.5	2.5	2/7	3.5	3.5
Totalisators (5p)	0.81	0.73	24/6	0.81	0.73

Toughest trading for 30 years sees Fairview dip to £2.6m

By Tony May

The most difficult trading conditions since the Second World War are reflected in the 1974 results of Fairview Estates. Turnover has doubled to £18.4m, but although trading profits are up from £3.5m to £4.4m, pre-tax profits are down from a record £3.16m to £2.59m, after writing £1.8m (against £373,000) off the book value of developments.

At the net level, profits are £1.07m, against £1.59m, and earnings a share have fallen from 15.3p to 9.8p. Shareholders will receive a payment of 7.07p, against 6.82p, although at the net level payments are maintained at 4.65p.

On a brighter note, Mr Cope, the group's chairman states that house sales for the current term will show a substantial increase on 19 Planned additions to the company's rent roll have been achieved through the industrial and commercial development At December, the roll stood £668,000—an increase £114,000 on the previous te —but forward lettings h been contracted on buildi scheduled for completion so and this will increase the by a further £215,000.

BSR awaits outcome of higher VAT levy

With most of the products of BSR's consumer product division in the lower price range, it is possible that sales of small appliances will not be hit by the VAT increases as severely as more highly priced products. But for this increase the chairman thinks the division would have continued the upward trend in sales and profits of the past two years or so.

Meanwhile, the order intake of the sound reproduction division has continued to grow particularly from North Amer and Japan, and it is thou second half sales will better first. Prices of the group's p ducts have been increa throughout the world but rate of inflation at home ma it difficult if not impossible recover cost increases in ful

With regard to the increa borrowing powers the board they have no intention at pre of utilizing these other than cope with the adverse effect inflation on working ca requirements.

Borel £9.9m rights likely

Jacques Borel International, the European catering group which was given a Stock Exchange listing last year, may make a 100m francs (£9.9m) rights issue in the middle of this year. This would be on the basis of a 1 for 5 issue at 500 francs per share. The issue will be made in advance of the 1976 date originally scheduled, provided that the Paris price of Borel shares (651 francs yesterday) remains "at around francs".

The proceeds of the ri issue will be used to rec Borel's debt/equity ratio f the present 60:40 to someth around 42:58. Borel fore yesterday that its gross will rise by 30.3 per cen 1975 to 1,038m francs, op ing profits by 26.7 per cer 41m francs and net profi 39 per cent to 22.5m fr

WIMPEY

Another record year at home and overseas

It has been a very good year for Wimpey. A year of increased profits and increased turnover. Here are some of the highlights from the statement circulated to shareholders for the year to 31 December 1974 by the Chairman, Mr R H Gane.

The value of work executed by the Group, including that proportion relative to associated companies, was a record £380 million. This compares with £332 million in 1973. The profit for 1974 after tax was £16,176,345 compared with £15,981,181.

One of the significant features was the successful growth and performance of George Wimpey International, the subsidiary formed in 1973 to co-ordinate overseas activities. It is encouraging, in the first full year of operation, that results on overseas contracts have improved.

United Kingdom. The country's economic downturn badly affected the construction industry and caused many problems. Despite this, however, we increased our programme for local authorities by 30%, handing over 12,200 dwellings constructed in our No-Fines technique and modernising over 4,000 sub-standard houses and flats.

We were also able to sell 8,000 homes to private purchasers.

Civil engineering activities were affected considerably by the energy crisis in the early part of the year but we maintained a high turnover on building contracts and on our major road programme.

Wimpey Asphalt achieved a considerable increase in turnover with good results for the year despite a massive rise in hydrocarbon prices.

North Sea. An important achievement of the year was the successful completion of "Highland One", the world's largest offshore drilling rig, constructed at Nigg Bay in Scotland by our associated company Brown & Root-Wimpey Highlands Fabricators for the BP Forties oilfield. Construction of a second rig for BP is well advanced and Burmah Oil have ordered one for the Ninian Field.

Wimpey Marine continues to expand its activities in servicing North Sea oil rigs and has taken delivery of 5 new tug/supply vessels.

Overseas. Our endeavours to increase overseas operations have met with considerable success. The main growth areas have been Iran and the Middle East where we have a record workload. Activities on the African continent include a £30 million contract in Zaire for re-construction of airfields. In Nigeria we are building a large extension to Michelin's tyre factory in Port Harcourt.

Turnover in Canada increased to £28 million.

Record Order Book. We started 1975 with a record order book. The upsurge of work overseas, particularly in Iran and the Middle East contributed to this as did our involvement with the development of North Sea oil. The outlook in the UK for the construction industry is depressing but we expect to increase output of private and local authority housing. Thus the broad base of our activities is of considerable strength in facing the challenge of the current year.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from: The Secretary, George Wimpey & Co. Limited, 27 Hammersmith Grove, London W6 7EN.

	1974	1973
Turnover	£380 million	£332 million
Profit before tax	£33,447,898	£32,384,239
Profit after tax	£16,176,345	£15,981,181
Dividend	£1,329,614	£1,181,880
Earnings per share	12·6p	12·5p

WIMPEY

Contractors to the world

Friends' Provident Life Office

Chairman's Statement

Points from the Statement by E.W. Phillips, M.B.E., to be submitted at the 142nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Friends' Provident Life Office which will be held on Wednesday, 14th May, 1975 at Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey.

BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

We were much saddened by the recent and sudden death of our Deputy Chairman, Alfred Braithwaite, who had served on the Board for nearly 35 years. His exceptional contribution to our affairs was greatly valued by all who knew him for his wisdom and understanding.

THE CENTURY INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

The transaction of short-term business had its share of difficulties in 1974 and in the second half of the year, following the publication of the new Department of Trade regulations, we became increasingly concerned about the future financing of The Century's development programme at home and overseas. Under the financial structure of the Group the parent Life Office was the only source of additional capital for The Century and its subsidiaries apart from retained earnings. The principles behind the revised supervisory regulations were clearly incompatible with our structure, a particularly unattractive prospect at a time when inflationary pressures were creating capital needs.

Any limitations on our ability to expand the principal subsidiary as an asset would have become increasingly detrimental to the interests of both policyholders and staff. Therefore, we considered our best course was to face the situation before any damage had been done. After an examination of various alternatives an answer was found in the agreement with the Phoenix Assurance Company Limited announced last November, whereby ownership and management of The Century and its subsidiaries passed to the Phoenix at the end of 1974 in exchange for a substantial interest in that company. We retained, of course, the long-term business, principally the Permanent Health account.

The Board have been most grateful for the understanding support of friends and connections as well as the staff world-wide throughout a testing period.

LONG-TERM BUSINESS

Despite the uncertainty caused by the cancellation of the State Reserve Scheme, 1974 was a particularly satisfactory year for the development of our portfolio of occupational pension schemes. I can only hope this year, as I did last, that the Social Security Pensions Bill now before Parliament will emerge with an agreed basis for a State Pension Scheme so that some certainty may at last apply to the future planning of private schemes.

Ordinary Life business was undoubtedly affected by the economic conditions and our still new specialist branches in the United Kingdom, and the Life Marketing Organisation established early in 1974 for the U.K. and Republic of Ireland were devoting much time during the year to their preparations for the future, but we did produce as much new business as in the previous year and we expect to see more benefit from their efforts this year. For long-term business as a whole our annual premium income increased by 13.7%.

It was an excellent year for our Permanent Health Insurance account, particularly for group schemes arranged by employers for their staffs. We were pleased by the way in which brokers and agents received new contracts offered at the beginning of 1974.

World-wide inflation in our operating expenses is increasingly difficult to contain, a major worry in a long-term business such as ours. In this country especially I can only hope once again that the Government will adopt policies which will lower the rate of inflation.

LEGISLATION

We support the need for legislation to help prevent a repetition of the disturbing situations which received wide publicity in 1974 but we hope the Department of Trade regulations will not unnecessarily handicap sound and reputable offices. However, the Government has also proposed a guarantee against failures, operated by a statutory board which would fund the obligations of a company in liquidation from a levy on other insurers. The insurance industry very much doubted the wisdom of the concept that prudent policyholders should subsidise the imprudent. However, the Government's determination was such that the majority of the industry has recognised the necessity to cooperate in order to establish the best guarantee scheme in the circumstances and to ensure that in its implementation they would play a leading role.

INVESTMENTS

1974 was the most worrying period for long-term investors which has been seen for several decades. One most important factor was the interest rate structure which during the year moved upwards to what would have been regarded as a completely impossible level only a short time before and this had a marked effect on the valuation of all securities including property.

During 1974, while building up a reasonable reserve of liquidity, additions were made at attractive levels to both the fixed interest and the ordinary share portfolio in the United Kingdom. These investments, the switch from equities to fixed interest investments in 1973 and some improvement in ordinary share dividends, all contributed to an increase in the yield of 8.12% on the fund (or 10.1% on the fund adjusted for investment depreciation).

We have for some years shown our investments, other than mortgages, in the balance sheet at market values. This year, due to the very depressed levels of investment values at the year end, realised and unrealised depreciation totalled £71.8M compared with an appreciation of £43.4M at the end of 1973. However, the investments held at the end of 1974 included fixed interest securities with a market value of £98M and a redemption value of £189M. I am pleased to say that at the time of writing this statement the improvement in market values since the year end has eliminated the depreciation referred to above. These changes in market value of investments are not of great concern to a long-term financial institution provided that the investments are fundamentally secure in capital and income and that the value of the liabilities changes similarly. The essential factor was that the Actuary was able to certify at the year end that our liabilities were less than the market value of our assets.

The fall in the value of our investments has made it necessary for us to review the basis on which we are prepared to surrender Life policies in order to ensure that there is equity between the continuing policyholders and those who surrender contracts before their due date. Similarly with the large fall in the value of ordinary shares and the weakness in the valuation of properties, we have had to reduce the rates of terminal bonus for Life policies which, as I have repeatedly stated, are linked to the performance of our equity investment portfolio.

The matter which, I think, was the greatest cause for concern in 1974 was the almost complete disappearance of a capital market. If the capitalist system is to survive it is imperative that financial institutions should support industry and it is appropriate that a vehicle was found through Finance for Industry to enable this to be done. I repeat what I said in 1973 that it is essential that institutions should fulfil their responsibilities as shareholders and I hope that the organisation of institutional shareholders which was established in that year, but which appears to have operated in a low key, will strengthen its performance in order to achieve that end and be seen to be doing so.

Friends for Life

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De Vere Hotels

Although taxable profits of De Vere Hotels & Restaurants in 1974 fell well short of the hoped for £1m profit, the financial strength of the group and in particular its high degree of liquidity has enabled it to offset substantial increases in operational costs last year. Turnover was a new group record at £9.2m against £8.86m while taxable profits emerged at £697,000 against £862,000.

Astbury & Madeley

Record profits of £425,000 pre-tax are reported by Astbury & Madeley, the Birmingham-based metal fitting stockist and builders' merchant.

Earnings a share go up from 3.87p to 4.75p and the total dividend from 1.16p to 1.31p. Turnover expanded from £2.9m to £4m.

Wm Sindall

Shareholders of William Sindall, building and civil engineering contractors, are to get a total dividend for last year up from 4.59p to 5.17p. But Mr H. Ridgeon, chairman, and Mr F. Ridgeon have waived £16,000.

Profit last year was £242,000 (£220,000) pre-tax out of turnover of £11m (£8.3m). Earnings were 12.6p (11.1p) a share.

Francis Industries

Another year of steady progress takes Francis Industries up from a taxable profit of £710,000 to a record £720,000 for 1974. Turnover advanced from £14.2m to £18.5m. Earnings a share expanded from 6.29p to 7.65p, and the net asset value a share is up from 63.5p to 68.1p. The dividend is 3.54p, against 3.15p.

Danish Bacon

Prospects at half time were good for the full year's trading at Danish Bacon, and taxable profits are in fact up from £1.35m to a record £1.77m. Turnover for 1974 increased from £133.6m to £153.1m. Earnings a share are 24p, against 21p, while shareholders will collect a payment of 9.43p gross compared with 8.4p last year.

I. J. Dewhirst

With last term's profits up 28 per cent to a record £487,000 pre-tax, I. J. Dewhirst, clothing manufacturers and wholesalers, say the current half should produce a satisfactory increase. But

BBC Enterprises

Gross sales of BBC Enterprises were £5m for the year to March 31, Mr Peter Dimmock, general manager, told the International Television Programme Market in Cannes. He said the figure had been achieved during a difficult inflationary period by greater sales effort and further streamlining of direct costs and overheads.

Clifton Investments

The board of Clifton Investments, an investment holding company, say that it has been informed by Aries Holdings that it has acquired 2,984,194 ordinary 10p shares in CI at a price of 4½p each from the Anglo Portuguese Bank and International Westminster Bank. In compliance with the City Code Aries say they will be making a similar offer to all shareholders. The offer puts a value on the CI equity of £281,000.

Geo Sandeman lower

Port and sherry exporters, importers and distributors, Geo G. Sandeman Sons said in a revised forecast last January that the expected increase would not be attained because of poor deliveries in the United Kingdom market. In the event 1974 turnover and profits declined from the 1973 record levels but the total dividend is being raised. Taxable profits fell 12.7 per cent from £2.84m to £2.47m, while turnover was down 14 per cent from £13.2m to £11.3m. The total dividend is 3.51p against 3.12p.

Western Mining

Evidence is now strengthening that the Eurobond new issue market is becoming congested. A sure sign is the decision by Schroders to reduce the size of the issue it is arranging for Western Mining of Australia from $25m to $15m. This follows reductions in the size of issues last week by Broken Hill Proprietory and Pemex.

Schroders' view is that both the name and the terms of the issue—9¾ per cent for seven years, priced at 99—have been well received, but that the market is just not ripe for an issue of this size. Rather than see the bond price tumble hard in the secondary market it has opted for a smaller issue.

Dividend at Palabora cut by more than half

In recent weeks, the Palabora share price has been on a steeply rising trend despite both the lacklustre copper price and the warnings in both the annual report and at the subsequent meeting that the dividend would be cut.

This has duly occurred with the first quarter payment being cut from 30c to only 12½c (7.8p) and unless there is a dramatic improvement in the metal price in the remaining weeks of the current quarter, a similar outcome is likely to be repeated in three months' time.

With increasing quantities of cold water being poured upon the attempts by Rio Tinto-Zinc to raise an international consortium to buy up the Japanese 250,000 tonne stockpile surplus, this possible solution to the vagaries of the metal price has come to an end. Admittedly when the recovery does begin, it could well prove both sudden and sharp, but in any case it will probably arrive too late this year to enable Palabora to restore payments to the 120c total paid in 1974. An optimum of 80c (50p) is the best one can hope for at this stage to leave the shares which closed 100p down at 850p yielding a prospective 5.9 per cent.

While Palabora remains, arguably, the best pure copper investment the first quarter's results from the Lornex arm of RTZ present a most unhappy picture. Operating profits have slumped from $C17.6m to a mere $4.17m, thanks to the copper price setback. Matters have further been exacerbated by the harsh British Columbia tax imposts which became operational last April and raised the effective tax charge from 37 to 95 per cent.

Mining

Earnings amount to 1c a share compared with $1.15 in the first quarter of 1974. That Lornex sells entirely to Japanese smelters, whereas the bulk of Palabora output is destined for Europe, spells out its own particular message. What once appeared one of the brighter stars in the mining world can probably be best forgotten until British Columbia begins to treat the mining industry as a long term asset to be nurtured.

Andrew Wilson

Business appointments

Julius Baer International names managing director

Mr M. M. Farnsworth has become a managing director of Julius Baer International. Mr A. R. W. Wetherell and Mr R. D. Mann resigned from the board on March 13, 1975.

Mr A. E. Dempster has joined the board of Bowaters Paper Sales after the resignation of Mr D. H. Ideson.

Mr J. R. Wells has become a director of Richard Costain.

Mr D. Beavis, chairman of West Midlands Gas, has resigned from the board of Midland-Yorkshire Holdings.

Mr John S. Porter becomes vice-president and manager of Rainier National Bank's London branch and United Kingdom activity from May 1. He will be assisted by Mr George L. Ellis who on the same date becomes vice-president and deputy manager. Mr Edmund Homewood is to be head of the bank's foreign exchange and money market activity in London.

Mr Brian Lacey has joined the board of Holland, Hannen & Cubitts Construction (London).

Dr R. C. Parker and Mr S. C. Clifford will retire from the board of Ferodo on April 30.

Mr Scott Baker has been made chairman and managing director of Woodhouse and Rixons. The former chairman, Mr John Duckworth, has resigned.

Mr G. R. W. Prevost has become an executive director of Bland Payne Reinsurance Brokers.

Mr Andrew Elliott has been elected deputy chairman of Haddons WPT, and Mr Roger Black, becomes deputy managing director from May 1.

Mr Hans Joachim Witt is to join the board of executive directors of BASF Aktiengesellschaft, with effect from July 1.

Mr Gerald Hooper has become European sales manager of Racal-Thermionic.

Mr R. Griffin and Mr E. Lelliott have joined the board of Profile Partitioning.

Mr Walter Somers has ceased to be a director of Mitchell Somers.

Mr Michael Allman joins the board of Victoria Carpet Holdings.

Mr R. W. N. Danielsen becomes a non-executive director of A. E. Jenks and Cattell.

Mr D. G. Hanton becomes company secretary of Associated Engineering.

Mr George Burnet has joined the board of General Scottish Trust.

Root Harvesters 2 for 5 rights

In announcing record trading results for 1974, the board of Root Harvesters, the Peterborough-based group which manufactures farm equipment, also makes known the need to raise cash to cover expansion.

An issue of ordinary shares to ordinary shareholders by way of a rights issue is proposed on the basis of two new shares for every five shares held at 20p a share.

This issue, which will be underwritten by J. F. Nash & Partners, who already have a 17 per cent stake in the equity of RH, will raise about £170,000 and full details will be circulated with the annual accounts. The board say the group is engaged in a number of expansion projects. These include the construction of a new factory (on a seven-acre freehold site bought during the year) to house the trailer division, the establishment of a subsidiary to make electronic equipment for the agricultural machinery industry, the formation of a subsidiary to market the group's products in New Zealand and extensions to the group's factory.

The company's results in 1974 shows taxable profits more than doubled from £150,000 to £305,000 on turnover of £2.83m (£1.85m).

Issues & Loans

MITSUBISHI ISSUE

Arab Financial Consultants and Kuwait International Investment Company, along with Nomura Securities, have arranged a $30m convertible bond issue by Mitsubishi Corporation. This is the first issue of convertible bonds by Mitsubishi Corporation to have been placed in Kuwait and other Arab markets.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	102½	103¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	84	87
Ashland 8 1987	88½	89½
BICC 7¾ 1987	68	72
Bristol 8¼ 1979	91½	93½
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	85	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987	87¼	88¾
Carrier 8 1987	88	89
Chevron 7 1980	96½	98
Conoco 7 1980	96	97½
Conoco 8 1986	93¾	95¾
Cons Food 7½ 1991	82¾	83¾
Coventry 8½ 1981	93	95
Coventry 8¾ 1980	90½	92½
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	89¾	90¾
Curacao Tokyo 10¾ 1981	102	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	89½	90½
Dana 8 1987	89	90
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	83½	84½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7½ 1991	79¾	80¾
Dundee 9¼ 1985	[illegible]	93
Escom 9¾ 1989	90	92
Escom Floating Rate 1982	96¼	97¼
First Chicago 7 1980	93¾	94¾
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	78	82
GATX 8¼ 1987	87¼	88¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987	76	79
ICI 7½ 1992	76	79
International Util 8¾ 1982	94¼	95¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	73	76
Manchester 8¼ 1981	87½	89½
Mexico 8¾ 1991	84	87
Michelin 7½ 1988	81	83
Mitsubishi 9 1989	92½	94½
Motorola 8 1987	90	91
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	76	79

	Bid	Offer
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	86	89
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102½	103½
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	85¼	86¼
Occidental 7½ 1984	79½	81½
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	90	91
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	100¼	101¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Ralston Purina 7½ 1987	88	89
Scanraff 7¼ 1990	85	86
Scanraff 8¾ 1983	93½	94½
Shell 7½ 1987	89¾	90¾
Singer 11 1977	100¼	101¼
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Slough 8 1988	82	86
South Africa 8 1987	81	84
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	99¼	100¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	96¼	97¼
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	96¾	97¾
Sybron 8 1987	89	90
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	82	83
Textron 7¾ 1987	81½	82½
Transocean Gulf 7½ 1987	89	90
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	[illegible]	97¼
Union Oil 7½ 1987	88¼	89¼
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	93	95
Volvo 8 1987	88	89
Wm Glyns 8¼ 1987	82	85
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/83	79¼	80¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6½ 1969/84	80	81
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	100¼	101¼
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	73½	74½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	86	87
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91½	92½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	103¼	104¼
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	87	88
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	104¼	105¼
Suedafrica (DM) 8½ 1970/85	89½	90½

	Bid	Offer
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	88¼	89¼
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	60	62
Amer Express 4¼ 1987	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	86	88
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	102	104
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	93	96
Borden 5 1992	87	87
Borden 6¼ 1991	98	100
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	68	70
Carnation 4 1987	83	85
Chevron 5 1988	88	90
Cummins 6¼ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	77	79
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	110	112
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	81	83
Eaton 5 1987	69	71
Ford 5 1988	70	72
Ford 6 1986	81	83
Gillette 4¾ 1987	75	77
Gould 5 1987	73	75
General Elect 4¼ 1987	82	84
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	121	123
Harris 5 1987	65	67
Honeywell 6 1986	75	77
ITT 4½ 1987	69	71
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	131	123
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	119	121
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	89	91
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	81	86
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	86	88
Revlon 4¾ 1987	97	99
Rank Org 4½ 1993	43	40
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	88	90
Squibb 4¼ 1987	87	89
Texaco 4¾ 1988	68¼	70¼
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	108	110
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	92	94
Xerox Corp 5 1988	73	75

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

More business for Carron

A considerable increase in business in the opening months of this year is reported by Mr H. Wilson Bennetts, chairman and managing director of the Carron Company, in his review.

Activity is returning to the levels exptrienced in the earlier part of last year and the chairman confirms that the company should be working at a higher level of profit later this year than has been reached in the past.

Against a background of falling sales over the last six or seven months no side of the business has lost its share of the available trade.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL IND

Results of the group's first three months trading to March 31 will be made known on May 22.

The Royal Bank of Scotland
INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from **23rd April 1975**, its Base Rate for lending is being reduced from **10½% per annum to 9½% per annum.**

The maximum rate of interest allowed on Deposits lodged for a minimum period of seven days or subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal at the London Offices of the Bank will be reduced from **7½% per annum to 6¼% per annum.**

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Improved sales and profits in a difficult year

	1974 £000	1973 £000
Turnover	54,551	43,460
Trading Profit	6,940	4,441
Net profit for year	3,363	1,776
Acquisitions and other capital expenditure	11,496	3,643
Exports–% of UK sales shipped overseas	78%	80%
No. of employees	8,963	8,091

Each of the Molins units made increased sales and profits contributions in 1974, but the Group experienced some fall off in operating margins towards the end of the year and in liquid funds, inflation being the main cause.

The U.K. tobacco machinery and paper and packaging machinery units had total sales (including sales to overseas subsidiaries) of £42.9M and a trading profit of £3,487,000.

The overseas subsidiaries' total sales were £24.5M and their total trading profit was £3,453,000, the major contributions being made by the U.S. and Brazilian tobacco machinery units.

Towards the end of the year the Group acquired The Langston Company of New Jersey, U.S.A, a leading producer of machinery for the manufacture and conversion of corrugated board. Langston, now managed with Masson Scott Thrissell as the Paper and Packaging Machinery Division, gives the Group in certain areas of the paper and packaging industry internationally a standing similar to that which it has in the world tobacco industry.

Orders outstanding at the end of the year were satisfactory, and, although there are major uncertainties in the outlook for the future, the Group expects to make further progress during the current year. The Group is intensifying its research and development programmes to maintain the technical excellence of its equipment and is further investing in the modernisation and expansion of production capacity in U.K, Brazil and U.S.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
Shenley Trust ..	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6¾%, up to £25,000 6¾%, over £25,000 7¼%.

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars were steady; cathodes inactive.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £561.50-55.00 a metric ton; three months, £572-73.00. Sales, 2,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £544-44.50; three months, £561-62.00. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £562.50-53.00; three months, £570.50-71.00. Settlement, £553.00. Sales, 3,575 tons. Cash cathodes, £543.50-44.00; three months, £561-61.50. Settlement, £544.00. Sales, 475 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER was steadier at the close.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 180.40p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 425.3); three months, 184.20p (428.8c); six months, 188.70p (435.5c); one-year, 200.20p (448.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 182.3-82.5p; three months, 186.4-86.5p; seven months, 192.5-93.5p. Sales, 53 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 180.4-80.6p; three months, 184.4-84.5p; seven months, 190.5-91.2p. Settlement, 180.6p. Sales, 49 lots (about half carries).

TIN.—Standard metal was very steady; high-grade idle.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £2,994-96 a metric ton; three months, £3,026-28. Sales, 305 tons. High grade, Cash £2,994-96; three months, £3,026-28. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £2,987-89; three months, £3,018-20. Settlement, £2,989. Sales, 260 tons. High grade, cash, £2,987-89; three months, £3018-20. Settlement, £2,989. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM940½ a picul.

LEAD was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £198-98.25 a metric ton; three months, £195-95.25. Sales, 300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £198.50-98.75; three months, £195-95.50. Settlement, £198.75. Sales, 2,325 tons.

ZINC was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £330.50-31.00 a metric ton; three months, £336-36.50. Sales, 475 tons. Morning.—Cash, £331-32.00; three months, £337-37.50. Settlement, £332.00. Sales, 875 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM rose by 75p yesterday to £61.50-£63.50 ($146-$151) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh White "C" grade, April/May, £244; Bangladesh White "D" grade, £234 per long ton. Calcutta quiet, steady.—Indian, April/May, Rs445; Dundee Daisee, April/May, Rs400 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—May, 156.0-60.0p per kilo; July, 160.0-63.0p; Oct, 165.5-67.0p; Dec, 168.0-70.0p; March, 172.0-74.5p; May, 173.0-76.5p. Sales: five lots.

RUBBER closed quiet.—May, 26.90-27.70p per kilo; June, 27.20-27.75p; July/Sept, 27.90-29.30p; Oct/Dec, 29.15-29.25p; Jan/March, 30.40-30.45p; April/June, 31.10-31.15p; July/Sept, 31.60-31.85p; Oct/Dec, 32.25-32.30p; Jan/March, 32.70-33.95p. Sales: 59 lots at 15 tonnes each.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly steadier. Spot: 25.75-27.25p. Cif's: May, 26.40-25.60p; June, 25.90-26.00p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 33.0-36.0p per lb; *Scotch killed sides, 37.0p; English hindquarters, 41.0-45.0p; English forequarters, 22.0-26.0p; Eire hindquarters, 42.0-43.0p; Eire forequarters, 24.0-25.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 34.0-42.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 57.0-61.0p.

LAMB: English small—new season, 40.0-44.0p; *English small—new season, 46.0p; English medium—new season, 38.0-42.0p; English heavy—new season, 38.0-40.0p. Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 29.5-30.0p; 2's 29.0-29.5p; 8's, 27.5-28.5p; YL's, 28.5-29.5p.

HOGGETS: English, 24.0-34.0p; Scotch, 24.0-32.0p.

EWES: 14.0-15.0p.

PORK: English, under 100lbs, 29.0-34.0p; 100-120lbs, 28.0-33.0p; 120-160lbs, 28.0-31.0p; 160-180lbs, 26.0-28.0p; 180lbs and over, 25.5-26.0p.

*Special quotations—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS closed £4 to £6 down on balance.—May, £409.0-409.5 a metric ton; July, £405.5-406.0; Sept, £403.5-405.0; Nov, £402.0-403.5; Jan, £404.5-405.0; March, £406.0-407.0; May, £406.0-408.5. Sales, 451 lots, including two options.

ARABICAS were quiet.—April $50.00-53.00 per 50 kilos; June, $53.80-54.30; Aug, $56.20-56.30; Oct, $56.50-56.70; Dec, $56.80-57.00; Feb, $57.10-57.30; April, $57.80-58.10. Sales, 80 lots.

COCOA closed £3.00 a tonne lower to £1.00 higher.—May, £509.0-10.0 a metric ton; July, £514.5-6.0; Sept, £517.0-8.0; Dec, £536.5-7.0; March, £539.0-41.0; May, £540.0-1.0; July, £540.0-1.0. Sales, 4,568 lots, including 15 options. ICO prices, daily, 55.04c; 15-day average, 58.11c; 22-day, 59.20c. (US cents a lb).

SUGAR closed £8.00 to £13.25 lower. The London daily price was reduced by £10 to £255 a long ton.—May, £250.00-51.00 a long ton; Aug, £234.50-35.50; Oct, £221.00-21.50; Dec, £209.50-10.50; March, £200.00-02.00; May, £192.00-93.00; Aug, £186.00-89.00. Sales, 2,615 lots. ISA prices, 26.05c; 17-day average, 24.65c.

MARK LANE.—The price trend was generally easier in light speculative activity yesterday. June deliveries of Hagberg milling wheat traded to London at £53 per long ton and Oct-Dec new crop at £59.75, while May deliveries of denaturable traded to the West Country at £50 per long ton. In the feed barley section, May deliveries of two row traded to Avonmouth at £51.25 per long ton and July-Aug new crop deliveries of six row at £39.50 while Sept-Dec deliveries of new-crop two row were booked to East Anglia at £55 per long ton. The following are average sellers' quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery, London area. Wheat milling, May, £51.50. Denaturable, May £50. Barley feed, April £51.50.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring number two 13 per cent, May, £80; June, £78.55; May, £77.75 direct shipment Tilbury, July, £78.05 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American—French April, £50; May, £51; June, £52.50 trans-shipment east coast. BARLEY.—EEC feed, April, £49; May, £49.50 east coast. All a long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market—(Gafta).—EEC origin, BARLEY barely steady.—May, £48.35; Sept, £52.05; Nov, £54.15; Jan, £56.25; March, £58.40. — WHEAT, steady. — May, £48.15; Sept, £53.70; Nov, £56.25; Jan, £58.30; March, £60.30. All a long ton.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—Feeding WHEAT.—Banbury, £48.90; Chichester, £48.55; Ormskirk, £49.25.—Feeding BARLEY.—Banbury, £49.85; Ormskirk, £50.30.

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1974-75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	46	+2	3.0	6.5	5.2
123	90	Henry Sykes	123	+2	4.9	4.0	7.8
61	29	Twinlock Ord	33	—	0.8	2.6	7.7
60	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	58	—	12.0	20.7	—

INTERIM STATEMENT

CORNWALL PROPERTY (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

and its wholly owned subsidiaries

ALLIANCE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

and

ALLIANCE PROPERTY COMPANY LIMITED

INTERIM REPORT

Your Directors announce the following unaudited interim results:

CORNWALL PROPERTY (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

	Six Months ended 30th September 1974 £ 000's	Six Months ended 30th September 1973 £ 000's
Turnover	10,924	11,968
Group Profit before taxation and interest on 10% Unsecured Loan Stock 1976	805	2,012
Less: Interest on 10% Unsecured Loan Stock	165	332
Group Profit before taxation from completed properties and other trading interests	640	1,680
Deduct: Taxation (Note 1)	95	843
Group Profit after taxation from completed properties and other trading interests	545	837
Less: Net outgoings after taxation attributable to development properties (Note 3)	184	72
	361	765
Add: Transfer from Capital reserves relating to development properties (Note 3)	184	72
	545	837
Less: Profits attributable to minority interests	30	40
Surplus for the period before extraordinary items	515	797
Extraordinary Items (Note 4)	196	—
Surplus for the period after extraordinary items	711	797

ALLIANCE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

Turnover	7,146	6,706
Group Profit before Taxation and Interest on 8½% Unsecured Loan Stock 1992/97	864	1,557
Less: Interest on 8½% Unsecured Loan Stock	186	186
Group Profit before taxation from completed properties and other trading interests	678	1,371
Deduct: Taxation (Note 2)	45	685
Group Profit after taxation from completed properties and other trading interests	633	686
Less: Net outgoings after taxation attributable to development properties (Note 3)	37	2
	596	684
Add: Transfer from Capital reserves relating to development properties (Note 3)	37	2
Surplus for the period before extraordinary items	633	686
Profits attributable to minority interests	30	40
Surplus for the period before extraordinary items	603	646
Add: Extraordinary items (Note 4)	196	10
Surplus for the period after extraordinary items	799	656

ALLIANCE PROPERTY COMPANY LIMITED

Turnover	7,146	6,706
Group Profit before taxation	867	1,561
Deduct: Taxation (Note 2)	45	685
Group Profit after taxation from completed properties and other trading interests	822	876
Less: Net outgoings after taxation attributable to development properties (Note 3)	37	2
	785	874
Add: Transfer from Capital reserves relating to development properties (Note 3)	37	2
	822	876
Less: Profits attributable to minority interests	30	40
Surplus for the period before extraordinary items	792	836
Add: Extraordinary Items (Note 4)	193	10
	985	846

NOTES

(1) The taxation charge represents £50,000 in respect of overseas taxation and £45,000 in respect of the profits of a subsidiary during the period in which that company did not form part of the Group for taxation purposes. All other taxation has been accounted for by Group relief surrendered by other companies in the Argyle Securities Limited Group of which Cornwall Property (Holdings) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary.

(2) The taxation charge represents that payable by a subsidiary during the period in which that company did not form part of the Group for taxation purposes. All other taxation has been accounted for by Group relief surrendered by other companies in the Argyle Securities Limited Group of which Cornwall Property (Holdings) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary.

(3) Since 1st April 1974 interest and other outgoings attributable to properties held for or in the course of development are charged against revenue. An amount equivalent to the Directors' estimate of the net outgoings after taxation borne by the unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties to the transferred from that part of capital reserves represented by the unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties to the profit and loss account. The results for the period ended 30th September 1973 have been adjusted to reflect a comparison with the current period's results.

(4) Extraordinary items include profits on purchase for redemption of Loan and Debenture Stocks and profits arising on purchase of certain minority interests in subsidiary companies

Discount market

Bank of England assistance on an exceptionally large scale was required yesterday to alleviate an acute shortage of day-to-day credit in Lombard Street.

Anticipating a short day, secured loans started in the region of 9¾ to 9 per cent. But houses encountered quite heavy "calling" and rates crept up to about the 9½ per cent mark. Bank intervention helped closing balances to be picked up in a band of 8 to 9 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 9¾% (Last changed 18/4/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 9¾ Close 9
Week Fixed: 9¼-9½

Treasury Bills (Dis%) Buying		Selling	
2 months	9 1/32	2 months	8¾
3 months	9 1/16	3 months	8 15/16

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	9⅝-9½	3 months	10¾
3 months	9½-9⅜	4 months	11
4 months	9⅜-9¼	6 months	11
6 months	9½-9⅜		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	10-9½	7 months	10¼-9⅞
2 months	10-9½	8 months	10¼-9⅞
3 months	10-9½	9 months	10½-10⅛
4 months	10-9½	10 months	10½-10⅛
5 months	10¼-9⅞	11 months	10⅝-10¼
6 months	10¼-9⅞	12 months	11⅛-10⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)			
1 month	9⅝-9½	6 months	9 15/16-9 13/16
3 months	9¾-9⅝	12 months	10 5/16-10 3/16

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	9	3 months	9½
7 days	9¼	6 months	9¾-9⅝
1 month	9-9¾	1 year	11¼-11⅛

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 9½-9 Close 9¼

1 week	9¾-9	6 months	9 15/16-9 13/16
1 month	9⅝-9½	9 months	10¼-10⅛
3 months	9 11/16-9 9/16	12 months	10 5/16-10 3/16

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 9¾ — 6 months 9¾

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Finance for Ind 13% Ln (£99½e)	£98½-1½
GLC 12½% 1982 (£97½b)	£9½-¼
Kellock 10p Cnt Units	72
Lincoln Corp 13% 1980 (£97)	£52
Mid Southern Wtr 10% 1980 (£b)	£13¼
Slough Ests 10% Cnv (100)	£139-2
Southend 12¾% 1981 (£99¼a)	£45½-¼
Sth Staffs Wtr 10% Rd Pf (£)	£10¾
Sutton Wtr 10% Rd Pf 1980 (£)	£10¼
Warwickshire 12¾% 1980 (£99¼b)	111
Yorks Chem 12½% Cnv (£100)	£45 prem-1

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Aurora Hldgs (10s)		3½prem
Barratt Dev (60)	May 23	109-6
Bestobell (83)	May 9	126
Bridon (55)	Mar 16	135-1
Cons Gold Fields (185)	Mar 16	259-4
Croda Int (10)	May 2	52½ prem-½
Esti (60)	Mar 3	149-2
Fothergill and H. (53)	May 23	21 prem
General Mining (R32)	May 2	40 prem-10
Guardian Ryl (130)	May 2	202-10
Macpherson, D (28)	May 16	34
Midland Bank (155)	May 2	267-3
Rolls-R Motors (36)	May 27	21½-1
RTZ (225)	May 2	191-4
Sketchley Ord (36)	May 16	62
Spirax-Sarco (75)		38 prem
Steetley (90)	May 22	119-7
Tube Inv (190)	May 9	66-1
Unigate (33)	May 9	47-1

Issued price in parentheses * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £30 paid. f £50 paid.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling rallied sharply in late trading on the foreign exchanges yesterday, reducing its trade-weighted "depreciation rate" to 22.3 per cent from the overnight record "low" of 22.5 per cent.

Dealers said the pound drew buying support from increasing fears that the lower interest rate trend in the United States had not "bottomed" and forecasts of high inflation within two years in the United States.

The dollar suffered badly and closed substantially lower in Europe.

Sterling closed 135 points up against the United States currency, at $2.3685.

Demand for investment dollars increased, with the premium touching a record 109.5 per cent at one stage, dealers noted.

The French franc closed considerably firmer against the dollar at 4.1525-75 (4.1860-90) despite an estimated $50m to $60m of support from the Bank of France, dealers said.

Some dealers said the franc had been heavily bought recently by Arabs and was attracting noticeable support from investors.

Gold rose by $2.50 an ounce, to $168.25.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) April 23	Market rates (close) April 23
New York	$2.3540-3715	$2.3680-3690
Montreal	$2.3905-4060	$2.4055-4065
Amsterdam	5.70-73fl	5.70½-71½fl
Brussels	82.50-83.35f	82.85-95f
Copenhagen	12.98-13.07k	13.05¾-06½k
Frankfurt	5.59-61½m	5.59½-60½m
Lisbon	57.80-58.30e	58.10-30e
Madrid	132.90-133.10p	132.90-133.10p
Milan	1490-97lr	1495-97lr
Oslo	11.76-85k	11.83¾-84¾k
Paris	9.80-85f	9.84-85f
Stockholm	9.34-37k	9.34½-35½k
Tokyo	687-93y	692½-94½y
Vienna	39.60-40.00sch	39.70-90sch
Zurich	6.01½-04½f	6.02½-03½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 down 0.2 to 22.3 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.20-1.10c prem	3.15-3.05c prem
Montreal	1.00-.90c prem	3.00-2.90c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	9¼-8¼c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	90-70c prem
Copenhagen	3ore prem-par	3ore prem-par
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	11-10pf prem
Lisbon	20c prem-80c disc	50c prem-130c disc
Milan	Par-3lr disc	Par-3lr disc
Oslo	2ore prem-1ore disc	3ore prem-par
Paris	2c prem-par	6-3c prem
Stockholm	1¼ore prem-1ore disc	3-1ore prem
Vienna	30gro prem-par	40-10gro prem
Zurich	4-3c prem	11-10c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9841-44.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¾-5⅞; seven days, 5½-5¾; one month, 5⅞-6¼; three months, 6⅝-7⅛; six months, 7⅝-8⅛.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $166½ (an ounce); pm, $168. Krugerrand (per coin): $170½-173½ (£72-73¼) (domestic); $172½-174½ (£72¾-73¾) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $49½-51 (£20¾-21½), (new) $53½-55 (£22½-23¼) (international).

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 144.30 on April 22, against 142.24 a week earlier.

Wall Street

Dow Jones dips 11.65 to close at 802.49

New York, April 23.—Wall Street stocks declined steadily today, ending the session with a sharp loss.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 11.65 points to 802.49. About 1,065 issues declined to 395 gains. Volume totalled 20,040,000 shares compared with 26,120,000 yesterday.

Brokers attributed selling in part to a recent rise in United States short-term interest rates and uncertainty whether the Federal Reserve had abandoned its easier money policy to keep rates down. They also reported some profit-taking on strong recent market gains.

In the *Economic News*, the United States registered a record $7,850m budget deficit in March. Brokers noted that the early mild decline turned into a rout after the deficit news.

Among the most active New York Stock Exchange issues, Polaroid closed at 29½, down ½, and SCA Services was off ¼ to 2¼. A block of 187,200 SCA services shares traded at 2, off ¼.—AP-Dow Jones.

U S gold ends higher

New York, April 23.—GOLD futures closed substantially higher in moderate trading in New York and Chicago. All Comex contracts rose $2.10 on a settlements basis and IMM futures gained from $2.20 to $4.20. Comex volume fell to 1,003 sales from 1,132 yesterday. Estimated IMM sales were 1,199. NY COMEX.—April, $167.90; May, $168.10; June, $168.80; Aug, $170.90; Oct, $173.00; Dec, $176.20; Feb, $177.50; April, $179.80; June, $182.10; Aug, $184.40. CHICAGO IMM.—June, $169.10-168.90; Sept, $172.00-172.40; Dec, $175.50; March, $179.00; June, $182.40; Sept, $186.00.

SILVER.—Comex futures closed 8.20c to 8.80c up. Volume was good at an estimated 5,518 contracts, including 1,429 switches. April, 430.80c; May, 431.20c; June, 434.30c; July, 437.50c; Sept, 443.50c; Dec, 452.60c; Jan, 455.40c; March, 461.20c; May, 467.00c; July, 472.80c. Handy & Harman, 428.00c (previous 428.00c).

COPPER.—Tone steady, 1,411 sales. April, 56.80c; May, 56.80c; June, 57.40c; July, 58.00c; Sept, 59.20c; Dec, 61.00c; Jan, 61.50c; March, 62.50c; May, 63.50c.

SUGAR.—World futures closed 1.04c lower to 0.18c higher. Volume was 2,130 lots. Spot 25.25c off 0.75c; May, 25.25c; July, 24.30-24.20c; Sept, 23.10-23.00c; Oct, 22.40c; Jan, 20.38c nominal; March, 20.25-20.20c; May, 19.35c; July, 18.50c; Sept, 18.00c.

COCOA.—Futures closed 0.10c to 0.50c higher. Volume was 1,063 lots. May, 54.80c; July, 51.60c; Sept, 51.55c; Dec, 51.70c; March, 51.80c; May, 51.65c; July, 51.45c. Spots: Ghana 68¼c, Bahia 60¼c.

COFFEE.—Futures finished 0.05c to 0.60c down. Volume was estimated at 391 contracts. May, 47.35c; July, 49.00-49.15c; Sept, 50.30c; Nov, 50.45c; Dec, 50.85-51.00c; March, 51.30c.

COTTON.—Futures closed 0.30c to 0.40c up. Volume was about 2,550 contracts. May, 44.80c; July, 45.80-45.85c; Oct, 47.20c; Dec, 47.80-47.85c; March, 48.75c; May, 49.45c; July, 50.10-50c; Oct, 50.35-15.50c.

WOOL.—Grease wool futures closed 1.0c lower to 3.0c higher. Crossbred were 2.0c lower. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 125.0c nominal; May, 125.0-131.00c; July, 120.0-124.0c; Oct, 126.0-138.0c; Dec, 134.0c; March, 79.0-143.0c; May, 140.0c; July, 140.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 76.0c nominal; May, 70.0-77.0c; July, 76.0-80.0c; Oct, 81.0c; Dec, 85.0c; March, 85.0c; May, 86.0c; July, 86.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabean futures closed ½c to 4½c lower, oil was 0.47c lower to 0.10c higher and meal added $0.30 to $1.70. SOYABEANS.—May, 559¼-558c; July, 546-544½c; Aug, 543c; Sept, 533c; Nov, 530¼c; Jan, 537c; March, 544-546c; May, 549c; July, 554½c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—May, $122.00; July, $125.00; Aug, $127.00; Sept, $128.00-129.00; Oct, $130.00-131.00; Dec, $13[illegible]; Jan, $137.00; March, $13[illegible]; May, $142.00; July, $14[illegible]. SOYABEAN OIL.—May, 26.50-26.[illegible]; July, 24.75-24.65c; Aug, 23.85-23.[illegible]; Sept, 23.05-23.10c; Oct, 22.10c; Dec, 20.30c; Jan, 20.60-20.50c; March, 20.10c; May, 19.70c; July, 19.20c. [illegible] firm 3c to 4c higher. May, 3[illegible] 340c; July, 350-351c; Sept, 3[illegible] 356c; Dec, 347c; March, 349¼[illegible]. MAIZE closed firm 1c to 3¼c hi[gher]. May, 280¼-282¼c; July, 279¼-28[illegible]; Sept, 272¼c; Dec, 256¼-256¼c; M[arch] 262¼c; May, 268¼c. OATS c[losed] firm 2c to 5c higher. May, 16[illegible]; July, 157-156c; Sept, 147-147¼c; [illegible] 149c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.3705 ($2.3578); three months, $2.3395 ($2.3280). Canadian dollar, 98.41c (96.60c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index fell 2.57 to 301.39. The futures index was off 1.07 at 284.38.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 802.49 (814.14); transportation, 166.95 (169.86); utilities, 7[illegible] (75.82); 65 stocks, 246.47 (249.[illegible]). New York Stock Exchange in[dex] 45.64 (46.14): industrials, 5[illegible] (51.29): transportation, 3[illegible] (32.50): utilities, 39.92 (30.[illegible]): financial, 48.20 (48.58).

	Apr 23	Apr 22
Allied Chem.	37½	37¾
Allied Stores	28⅛	28⅞
Allied Supermkt.	2⅞	2⅞
Allis Chalmers	10	10¼
Alcoa	45⅞	46⅞
Amax Inc	48½	49⅜
Amerada Hess	16¼	16¾
Am. Airlines	9⅜	9¾
Am. Brands	38½	38¾
Am. Broadcast	20⅝	21⅜
Am. Can.	28⅞	29
Am. Cyan.	27⅛	27⅜
Am. El. Power	16⅞	17
Am. Home	37⅛	37⅜
Am. Motors	5⅞	6½
Am. Nat. Gas	35	36⅜
Am. Smelt.	18⅜	19¼
Am. Standard	13¼	13½
Am. Tel.	48⅞	49⅛
Amf. Inc.	17⅛	17⅝
Anaconda	17½	19¼
Armco Steel	31⅜	33
Ashland Oil	18⅞	19⅛
Atl. Richfield	86⅜	87½
Avco	4½	4½
Avon Prod.	38⅜	38½
Babcock & Wcox	18⅛	18⅜
Bankers Tst NY	37	37⅛
Bank of Am.	41⅛h	41⅛ah
Bank of N.Y.	30	30¼
Beat Fds.	20⅛	20⅜
Bect. Dick	35	35⅛
Bell & Howell	16⅞	17
Bendix	36⅜	36⅞
Beth. Steel	37½	37⅝
Boeing	23	23⅝
Boise Cascade	18⅜	18⅜
Borden	23¼	23⅞
Borg Warner	17	16⅞
Bristol Myers	59⅞	60¼
BP	9⅞	10⅛
Budd	9	9¼
Burl. Ind.	25⅜	26⅜
Burlington Nthn	35⅜	35⅜
Burroughs	94¼	95⅞
Campbell Soup	28⅞	29
Canadian Pac.	15¾	16
Caterpillar	67¼	67½
Celanese	32½	34⅛
Central Soya	13¾	13
Charter N.Y.	23¾	24⅛
Chase Manhat.	32⅞	33 •
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	37¼	37½
Chesapeake Ohio	34⅛	34⅞
Chrysler	11	11¼
Cincorp	35⅛	36⅜
Cities Serv.	37⅛	36⅞
Clark Equip	31⅞	32¼
Coca Cola	80⅛	80¼
Colgate	29½	30
C.B.S.	48⅜	49⅞
Columbia Gas	25⅞	26 •
Comb Eng	41½	42⅞
Comw. Edison	24⅛	24⅜
Con. Edison	11⅞	11⅞
Cons Foods	13½	14
Cons Power	13⅜	13¾
Cont. Can.	26⅛	26½
Cont. Oil	51½	51⅜
Control Data	19	19¾
Corning Glass	48¼	49
C.P.C. Intnl.	43⅞	43¾
Crane	46⅜	46⅞
Crocker Int	25	24⅞
Crown Zeller	34¼	33⅞
Dart Ind.	23⅛	23⅜
Deere	41⅜	42⅞
Del Monte	22⅜	22½
Delta Air	35⅛	36⅜
Detroit Edison	11¼	11⅛
Disney	44⅜	46⅜
Dow Chem.	80½	81⅜
Dresser Ind.	53	54½
Duke Power	13⅞	13⅞
Du Pont	122	122
Eastern Air	5⅞	6⅛
East. Kodak	99¾	102⅜
Eaton Corp.	28⅝	29⅛
El Paso G.	12½	12⅞
Equitable Life	14¼	14⅞
Esmark	26⅜	27⅛
Evans P. D.	4¾	5
Exxon Corp.	78⅜	78⅜
Firestone	17	17⅛
Fst. Chicago	20⅝	21⅝
Fst. Nt. Boston	30⅜	30⅞
Fst. Penn Corp	16¼	16⅞
Ford	37⅛	37¼
G.A.F. Corp.	10⅛	10
Gamble Skogmo	23⅜	23⅞
Gen. Dynam.	37⅞	39⅛
Gen. Electric	45	45⅞
Gen Foods	23⅛	23¼

	Apr 23	Apr 22
Gen. Instr.	10⅞	10⅛
Gen. Mills	44⅛	44⅞
Gen. Motors	42⅝	42⅝
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	13⅞	13⅞
Gen. Tel. El.	20⅝	20½
Gen. Tire.	13½	13⅞
Genesco	3¾	3¾
Georgia Pac.	40	41
Getty Oil	167	167
Gillette	32⅞	33⅛
Goodrich	17⅞	17⅜
Goodyear	18⅝	18½
Gould Inc.	23⅞	23⅞
Grace	27⅛	28½
Grant W.T.	5⅛	5
Gt. At. & Pac.	11	11
Greyhound	11⅛	11⅛
Grumman Cp.	16⅞	18⅛
Gulf Oil	18	19⅛
Gulf Wn. Ind.	34½	36
Heinz, H. J.	50⅜	50½
Hercules	29⅜	30½
Honeywell	27⅛	29⅛
Illinois Cent Ind	14	13⅞
Ingersoll	79⅞	80⅛
Inland Steel	42⅝	42⅞
I.B.M.	208	211½
Int. Harv.	26⅛	26⅝
Int. Nickel	26⅜	27⅛
Int. Paper	48⅛	48⅞
Int. Tel. Tel.	20	20⅞
Jewel Co	21⅛	21½
Jim Walter	34⅛	35⅛
Johns Manv.	21⅛	22⅛
Johnson & John	91½	91⅞
Kaiser Alum.	29⅜	29⅞
Kennecott	36⅜	37⅛
Kerr McGee	78½	78⅜
Kimb. Clk.	32⅞	33
Kraftco Cp.	40⅛	40⅛
Kresge S.S.	27⅛	27½
Kroger	21	21⅞
Ligg. Myer	30⅛	30
L.T.V.	17⅝	18⅛
Litton	6½	6⅞
Lockheed	7⅛	7½
Lucky Stores	13⅞	14
Magnavox	5⅞	6⅛
Manuf Hanover	36	36½
Mapco	35⅞	36⅜
Marathon Oil	38½	38⅞
Marcor Inc.	28⅛	28
Marine Mid.	17⅛	17½
Martin Mar.	17⅞	17⅞
McDonnell	12⅞	13⅛
Mead	15⅞	15⅞
Merck	75	76
Minn. Min.	57⅛	57
Mobil Oil	39⅞	39⅞
Monsanto	66⅛	66½
Morgan, J. P.	63	62⅞
Motorola	54⅛	55⅛
NCR Corp	30	31⅛
NL Ind	15⅞	15⅞
Nat. Bisc.	32⅞	32⅞
Nat. Distill.	14⅞	15
Nat. Steel	42	42⅞
Norfolk West.	67⅛	67⅛
NW Bancor	40	40
Norton Simon	17⅛	16⅞
Occ. Pet.	13⅞	14⅛
Ogden	19⅛	19⅛
Olin Corp.	21½	21⅞
Otis Elev.	29⅞	31
Owens Ill.	35½	36⅞
Pac. Gas. El.	19	19⅛
Pan. Am.	3⅞	4
Penn. Cent.	1⅛	1⅛
Penney J. C	55⅞	56⅞
Pennzoil	19⅛	19⅞
Pepsico	67	67⅞
Pet Corp	20½	20⅞
Pfizer	32⅞	32⅞
Phelps Dod.	37½	37⅞
Philip Mor.	58	58⅞
Phill. Pet.	43⅞	43⅞
Polaroid	29½	29⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	27⅞	28
Proc. Gamble	94⅞	95⅞
Pub.Ser.El & Gas	14⅛	14⅞
Pullman	49⅞	50⅞
Rapid American	5⅞	6⅛
Raytheon	39⅞	39½
RCA Corp	19⅛	19⅞
Repub. Steel	32⅞	34
Reynolds Ind.	56½	56½
Reynolds Metal	19⅛	20⅛
Rockwell Int	19⅛	19⅞
Royal Dutch	36	36⅛
Safeways	45⅛	45⅞
St. Regis	27⅞	27⅞
Santa Fe Ind	26⅛	26⅞
SCM	12⅛	12½

	Apr 23	Apr 22
Schlumbgr.	113	118
Scott. Paper	17½	18⅛
Seaboard Coast	27	28½
Seagram	30⅛	30⅞
Sears Roe.	64⅝	65⅛
Shell Oil	42	43⅞
Shell Trans.	26⅞	27⅛
Signal Co	17½	17⅛
Singer	12⅛	13⅛
Sony	10⅛	10⅛
Stn Cal Edison	17	16⅞
Southern Pac.	28⅞	28⅞
Southern Rly.	51⅞	53
Sperry Rand	40⅞	40⅞
Squibb	33⅞	30½
Std. Brands	67	67
Std. Oil Cal.	23⅞	24½
Std. Oil Ind.	39⅞	39⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	61⅞	62⅞
Sterling Drug	21⅛	20½
Stevens J.P.	13½	13½
Stude Worth	30⅞	30⅞
Sunbeam Cp.	18⅛	18⅞
Sundstrand	19½	20⅛
Sun Oil	29⅞	30⅞
Teledyne	11	11⅛
Tenneco	21⅛	22
Texaco	23⅛	23½
Texas East Trans	30⅞	30⅞
Texas Inst	102⅞	102⅞
Texas Utilities	19⅛	19⅛
Textron	18⅞	20⅛
T.W.A.	9⅞	10⅛
Travelers Gp.	22	22⅛
T.R.W. Inc.	18⅞	19
U.A.L. Inc.	20⅞	21⅛
Unilever Ltd.	35⅞	35⅞
Unilever N.V.	44⅞	44⅞
Unionamerica	2⅛	2⅛
Union Bancorp	8	8
Union Carb.	62⅛	62⅞
Un. Oil Cal.	34⅛	35
Un. Pacific Corp.	75⅞	75⅞
Uniroyal	7⅛	7
United Aircraft	44⅞	45
United Brands	5	5
Utd Merch & Man	14⅞	13
U.S. Industries	4	4
U.S. Steel	62⅞	62
Wachovia	16	16
Warner Comm	14	14
Warner Lambert	32⅞	33
Wells Fargo	18⅞	18
West'n Bancorp	24⅞	25
Westghs El.	14⅞	14
Weyerhaeuser	35⅞	36
Whirlpool	25½	25
White Motor	8⅞	9
Woolworth	16½	17
Xerox Cp.	73⅞	73
Zenith	21½	21

Canadian Prices

	Apr 23
Abitibi	10½
Alcan	23⅞
Alg. Steel	29
Asbestos	14½
Bell Tel.	46⅞
Can. Sup. Oil	36½
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.71
Cominco	30⅞
Cons. Bat.	25⅞
Distiller	30⅞
Falconbridge	37
Gulf Oil	31
Hawker Can.	5.00
Hud. Bay Min	18⅞
Hud. Bay Oil	26⅞
I.A.C. Ltd.	19⅞
Imasco	30⅞
Imp. Oil	27⅞
Int. Pipe	13⅞
Mass.-Fergsn.	16⅞
Power Cp.	9⅞
Price Bros.	14⅞
Royal Trust	22 h
Steel Co.	29⅞
Tex. Can.	32⅞
Trans. Mnt. Oil	10⅞
Walker H.	33⅞
W.C.T.	22⅞

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New issue. p Stock Sp[lit]. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 5775			
32.2	20.6	Giants	32.2	34.0	4.30
33.6	21.7	Do Accum	33.6	35.5	4.30
29.1	18.2	Growth	29.1	30.9	4.30
30.5	19.0	Do Accum	30.5	32.3	4.30
30.7	20.7	Income	29.3	31.5	8.20
32.3	23.4	Do Accum	32.3	34.5	8.20
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	19.5	20.5	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
21.5	10.8	Abbey Capital	21.0	22.3	4.00
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	32.7	34.8	3.67
23.5	11.0	Do Income	23.5	25.0	5.71
25.7	13.4	Do Invest	23.7	25.2	3.75
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 8371			
60.3	33.1	Allen Trst*	56.1	60.3	3.86
44.6	24.3	Do Income*	44.6	44.0	5.93
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
52.4	30.1	Allied Capital	50.2	53.7e	5.47
49.8	31.4	Do 1st	48.3	51.6	5.18
48.4	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	48.2	51.5	5.79
27.1	16.2	Growth & Inc	26.8	28.6	5.49
[illegible]	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Met Min & Cmdty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	15.4	Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
23.3	14.1	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
37.0	28.0	High Yield Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
78.0	43.5	Hambro Fnd	78.3	83.7	5.31
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	38.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
41.5	[illegible]	Do Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	16.4	[illegible]	6.56
20.0	12.7	Do Accum	20.0	21.4	4.73
21.7	12.6	2nd Smaller	20.0	21.4	[illegible]
42.5	20.4	Secs of America	41.9	43.9	[illegible]
115.9	80.5	Exempt Fnd	111.4	117.2e	6.75
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252 Romford Road, London, E7. 01-534 5544			
		Unicorn Amer	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Aust Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Unicorn Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Exempt*	62.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Extra Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Unicorn '500'	45.5	[illegible]	[illegible]
		General	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Growth Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.59
		Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Trustee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Worldwide	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Brist. In. Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 01-626 6599			
		Brandts Cap (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
111.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Brandts Inc (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Bridge Tallsman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
		B.T. Income (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Cap Inc (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Cap Acc (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Exempt (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Int Inc (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Int Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		The British Life			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells 0892 22271			
		British Life	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Balanced (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.94
		Cap Accum (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Dividend (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founders Court, Lothbury, EC2 01-606 8520			
		Brn Ship Inc (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Accum (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1 01-930 6122			
		Canlife Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Income Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 0632 21185			
		Carliol (8)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
64.5	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2 01-588 1815			
114.5	58.3	Inc* (24)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
180.5	79.6	Accum* (21)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4 01-248 3999			
		Int (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Accum (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Inc (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Euro Fin (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Fund Inv (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 4931			
		Growth Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Reserves Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		High Dist	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.94
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		42-45 South St, Eastbourne. 0323 36711			
		Commodity	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Drayton Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Drayton Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. [illegible]			
		Progressive	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, High Wycombe. 0494 32975			
44.7	22.3	Equity & Law	[illegible]	47.5e	4.21
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4 01-248 6971			
51.0	26.4	Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
45.4	24.0	Income	43.6	46.2	6.75
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
27.3	12.9	Friends Prov	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
31.1	14.6	Do Accum	31.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
66.0	40.0	Gross Income*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex			
25.6	13.6	G & A	25.6	27.4	4.79
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 5461			
59.2	36.0	GT Cap	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
99.3	72.2	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
136.4	91.6	Do US Gen Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
141.3	94.8	Do Japan Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP 01-283 3531			
34.2	22.7	Gartmore Brit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Do Overseas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3			
65.3	31.5	Guardhill	64.6	69.0	4.70
		Henderson Unit Trust Management.			
		11-13 Crosswall, EC3N 2LQ.			
[illegible]	33.0	Aust Trst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	38.3	Cabot	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Far East Trst	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	80.5	Henderson Gr*	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
37.0	25.0	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
22.2	14.6	Inc & Assets	22.2	24.7e	6.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	23.1	24.6e	3.69
20.9	12.0	Inv Trst	20.9	22.3	4.78
40.6	26.4	Nth American	34.7	37.1	3.39
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	24.2	25.8e	4.87
83.0	59.3	Pers Portfolio	82.8	85.9	5.43
[illegible]	44.3	World Wide	59.2	63.0	6.33
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Beech St, EC2P 2LX. 01-628 8011			
51.4	30.1	Dollar	51.4	55.0	1.37
[illegible]	19.8	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.06
113.8	52.4	Brit Trst	113.8	121.5	4.51
[illegible]	52.4	Brit Guernsey	113.8	121.8	2.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap	21.5	23.0	5.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fin Trst	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inc Trst	19.1	20.5e	6.86
[illegible]	10.4	High Yield	[illegible]	21.1	7.86
39.8	[illegible]	Secs Trst	38.8	41.5	4.40
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Young St, Edinburgh. 031-225 6762			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Compound (1)	20.7	22.4	11.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum (1)	24.5	26.5	11.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sp. Wdraw (1)	21.0	22.8	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Preference	21.9	22.9	14.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	25.0	26.0	14.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cap (2)	15.6	17.1	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust Comp Fnd	11.9	13.1e	7.00
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do W'draw	10.9	12.0	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sector Ldrs (3)	21.6	23.5	3.53
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fin & Prop (3)	16.4	17.9	3.79
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Growth (1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nth Sea (3)	19.9	20.5	3.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity (5)	31.6	34.5	3.58
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum (5)	41.5	44.3	7.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prog. W'draw (5)	34.7	37.3	
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.5	[illegible]	Cap Fund	53.9	57.3	4.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt Fnd (36)	62.4	66.3	
55.8	[illegible]	Inc Fnd	55.8	59.3	8.17
[illegible]	41.5	KFIF	62.8	66.4	4.28
		Lawson Securities.			
		67 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
[illegible]	[illegible]	American Fnd	23.7	[illegible]	3.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilt&Warrant	28.9	30.8	2.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield Fnd	111.8	119.9	13.20
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.20
66.3	[illegible]	Scottish Res	66.3	70.3	4.50
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Dist	36.9	39.0	6.62
[illegible]	[illegible]	Accum	41.2	43.6	6.62
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard Street, London, EC3			
[illegible]	[illegible]	1st Inc	26.0	[illegible]	4.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	45.1	48.4	4.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	2nd Inc	41.4	44.5	3.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	47.5	51.3	3.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	3rd Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	70.5	75.3	[illegible]
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ 01-626 4588			
[illegible]	[illegible]	M & G General	126.2	135.0	5.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	2nd Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	153.8	[illegible]	5.02
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mid & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	124.1	131.5	7.14
[illegible]	[illegible]	Div Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Special Trst	94.3	99.4e	4.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	96.4	102.2	4.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	Magnum Fnd	175.9	184.7e	4.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	FIT'S	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	50.4	[illegible]	7.41
[illegible]	[illegible]	Compound	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Extra Yield	118.0	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Japan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Far & Gen	42.6	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	American & Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Australasian	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Far East Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trustee Fnd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Char Fund* (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pension* (2)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	NAAFIF	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Clyde Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Clyde High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.59
		National Group of Unit Trusts.			
		[illegible] Street, EC4. 01-623 8212			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Century	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Com Secs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Domestic	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas Ind Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hundred Secs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inv Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do 2nd Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Natbils	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Cons	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Do 2nd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	NPFTS	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Resources	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prov Inv Trst	99.5	105.9	4.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Scot Lnrs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Security Int	58.9	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shamrock	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Shield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Universal 2nd	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.38
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
[illegible]	[illegible]	NPI Accum (25)	37.6	40.1	4.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	NPI Dist (25)	34.6	36.3	4.40
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Overseas Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Overseas Dis	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.00
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital	51.6	55.1	3.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	34.6	36.9	3.35
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks 0296 5941			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	121.0	128.9e	2.94
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sm. Co's Fnd	[illegible]	101.3	4.25
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
[illegible]	93.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	194.9	205.1	5.03
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		[illegible] Street, EC2. 01-831 [illegible]			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	38.8	41.1e	3.37
[illegible]	[illegible]	General	18.0	19.4e	4.98
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Investment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Overseas	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Performance	41.1	43.7e	4.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Progressive	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd.			
		[illegible] Broad St, EC2. 01-588 4464			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth	[illegible]	19.2e	4.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	19.4	[illegible]	4.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.64
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.44
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pelican	53.6	56.2e	6.42
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8711			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inc & Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	Extra Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.35

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		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1. 01-251 0544			
68.3	27.5	Portfolio Cap	45.4	48.4	5.51
72.9	32.2	Growth With Inc	52.7	57.9	7.71
41.6	16.3	Private Port	27.6	30.3	4.13
56.8	33.7	Shenley Port	56.6	61.5	4.06
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 6893			
107.7	60.1	Pract Inc (3)	107.7	117.1e	3.40
139.3	76.6	Do Accum (3)	139.3	151.4	3.40
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		22 Bishopsgate, EC2 01-247 6533			
61.4	30.0	Prolific	61.4	65.8e	2.74
72.1	40.2	Do High Inc	72.1	77.2	7.16
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers.			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
90.5	46.5	Prudential	84.5	89.5e	4.85
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
37.2	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	37.2	39.3	6.20
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
51.9	34.8	Universal Growth	51.7	55.2e	1.61
47.2	22.7	Capital Accum	43.7	46.7	4.66
41.9	22.0	General	38.5	41.1	4.63
40.1	21.9	High Return	40.1	42.8	6.16
62.2	41.0	Commodity	55.5	59.2	5.71
54.1	31.6	Energy	48.5	51.6	2.62
35.0	20.3	Financial	33.4	35.7	4.16
42.7	22.7	Prop & Build	42.7	45.6	3.47
88.9	44.1	Select Grow (9)	69.8	72.9	1.69
78.9	37.6	Select Inc (9)	64.2	67.1e	7.54
187.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	169.5	180.9e	5.73
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.6	21.1	Capital	25.9	27.8	3.09
64.3	34.9	Financial Secs	59.8	63.6	2.88
[illegible]	16.9	Investment	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.63
74.4	52.0	Euro Growth	[illegible]	73.4	1.21
62.3	43.5	Japan Growth	62.3	[illegible]	1.39
[illegible]	[illegible]	US Growth	51.4	55.5	1.52
34.4	18.2	General	[illegible]	34.9	4.44
41.7	22.7	High Yield	41.7	44.5e	5.88
32.8	19.2	Income	32.8	35.1	7.34
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.3	22.1	Scotbits	35.5	37.9	4.13
39.1	23.2	Scotyields	39.1	41.8e	6.16
43.5	24.6	Scotgrowth	40.5	43.2	4.19
43.4	22.2	Scotshares	37.8	40.4	4.74
219.0	133.5	Scotfunds	209.1	219.1	3.48
39.1	20.4	Scotincome	37.7	39.7e	6.38
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 8252			
83.8	40.1	Capital (16)	64.6	69.9	3.89
90.1	44.9	Do Accum	72.3	74.9	3.99
99.6	55.2	Income (16)	92.8	96.1	9.16
116.2	69.3	Do Accum	116.2	120.4	8.16
[illegible]	24.0	General (3)	49.2	52.2	4.24
55.9	26.7	Do Accum	55.9	58.2	4.34
42.8	27.0	Europe (1)	32.5	34.9e	2.85
47.8	28.0	Do Accum	34.2	36.3	2.85
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.			
		28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9101			
36.6	25.0	Equitable	36.6	39.9	6.10
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		Jessel Britannia Group			
		47-57 Gresham St, London EC2. 01-600 4747			
68.1	40.1	Brit Comm Plus	61.1	65.7	5.39
[illegible]	15.9	Do General	[illegible]	30.3e	5.61
41.0	19.2	Extra Income	37.6	40.8	9.91
36.9	13.7	High Income	31.0	33.8	11.13
40.0	20.2	Jessel Capital	31.1	33.5e	5.66
39.0	16.4	Do Cm'dn	39.0	41.9	3.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Global	31.4	35.3e	3.32
171.8	133.5	Do Gold & G	173.4	185.6	4.98
47.5	27.6	Do Income	43.6	46.9e	7.89
[illegible]	15.3	Do Invest	22.9	24.6	4.25
[illegible]	20.2	Do New Issue	27.5	29.9	6.13
[illegible]	3.0	Do Prop & G	14.0	15.0	4.11
[illegible]	29.4	Do Plant & G	34.5	41.5e	7.24
[illegible]	12.9	Aust & Gen (1)	19.6	21.0e	4.01
[illegible]	18.2	Jt Int Corp	22.4	24.4	5.43
		Slater Walker Management Ltd			
		47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2. 01-600 4747			
69.4	35.7	Growth	53.2	57.5	5.96
52.1	27.4	Assets	[illegible]	55.8	5.91
[illegible]	[illegible]	Capital Accum	37.1	39.9	5.04
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	37.5	40.2e	5.35
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	53.9	57.7	7.58
411.7	269.[illegible]	Professional	411.7	424.5	4.96
21.0	13.8	Status Change	21.0	22.4e	6.67
115.0	84.4	Minerals Tst	102.6	108.9e	4.92
[illegible]	[illegible]	North American	26.0	27.7	3.08
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers.			
		45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
[illegible]	26.2	American	42.3	46.9	1.37
100.0	52.7	British Cap	91.0	97.7e	4.25
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd.			
		Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
101.0	56.0	Exempt Eq (29)	101.0	105.0	5.57
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks, 0296-5941			
74.3	46.9	Family Fnd	64.5	68.6	2.61
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Consumer	26.0	27.8	5.03
[illegible]	[illegible]	Financial	32.8	[illegible]	3.43
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity	32.5	34.7	3.01
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exempt*	133.1	137.9	7.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum (3)	134.8	140.4	5.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.47
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Reinvest	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Investment	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Professional (3)	109.3	113.6e	5.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Income	18.0	19.3e	7.17
[illegible]	[illegible]	Preference	11.3	[illegible]	14.10
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 5621			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Eagle	23.6	25.0	3.12
[illegible]	[illegible]	Thistle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
44.8	27.9	Claymore Fnd	35.5	37.8	4.13
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
30.9	[illegible]	General	30.9	33.1	4.99
36.1	17.8	Do Accum	36.1	[illegible]	3.99
56.3	43.9	Scottish	56.3	59.2	3.96
56.3	43.9	Do Accum	56.3	59.2	3.96
		Transatlantic & General Securities Co.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
68.4	31.0	Barbican (4)	54.7	58.4	[illegible]
84.9	41.0	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
122.4	[illegible]	Barrington Fnd	122.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
139.5	100.0	Do Accum	139.5	150.6	[illegible]
63.0	[illegible]	Buckingham (4)	67.2	71.4	3.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	69.0	[illegible]	3.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Colemco	91.5	96.3e	3.94
[illegible]	52.4	Do Accum	99.0	104.2	3.94
[illegible]	29.5	Glen Fund (5)	39.8	42.8e	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	49.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	41.9	G'chester (5)	[illegible]	81.9	2.82
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lon & Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.79
[illegible]	31.1	Marlborough	44.8	47.7e	3.95
[illegible]	26.6	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	36.6	Merlin (1)	55.5	58.4	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	21.5	Merlin Yield	39.3	40.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	43.1	45.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	23.9	Vanguard (2)	37.8	39.5	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Wickmoor	45.2	47.4	9.15
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	[illegible]	51.0	[illegible]
		Trident Funds.			
		Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd			
		140 South St, Dorking. Dorking 86441			
[illegible]	10.7	Performance	17.8	19.1	5.11
30.0	21.2	Income Fund	34.4	[illegible]	[illegible]
33.5	18.4	10% Withdrawl	29.9	30.7	
37.0	[illegible]	Int Growth	45.8	48.7	2.34
27.7	21.2	AmerGrwth	27.6	29.4e	..

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		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
82.0	43.2	Income	78.6	82.6	6.76
121.0	65.8	Do Accum	121.0	127.2	6.76
101.8	52.8	Capital	89.6	94.2	3.82
122.6	66.4	Do Accum	113.8	119.6	3.92
92.8	34.6	Canynge Fund	66.2	69.6	4.60
103.4	38.4	Do Accum	74.0	77.8	4.60
89.6	43.0	Exempt*	68.2	71.8	5.18
103.4	51.8	Do Accum	83.2	87.4	5.18
79.4	38.6	Local Auth*	52.0	54.6	4.45
86.6	44.6	Do Accum	61.0	64.2	4.45
179.4	100.2	Int Earn Fnd	179.4	188.4	4.97
181.0	100.2	Do Accum	181.0	190.2	4.97
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
108.6	68.4	Income (23)	96.8	101.2	6.36
122.6	80.0	Do Accum	118.0	123.4	6.36
102.8	52.2	Capital (23)	83.0	86.8	4.30
111.6	58.6	Do Accum	93.2	97.6	4.30
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3N. 01-623 4951			
95.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	95.0	100.6	6.43
28.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	17.2	18.8	6.87
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	12.4	13.4	8.32
		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		190 Strand, London, WC2R 1DY. 01-836 6600			
37.9	15.6	Equity Trst (3)	26.4	28.0	..
29.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	20.5	21.8	..
98.6	100.0	Money Fd Unit	98.6	103.8	..
106.9	100.0	Pension Sec	100.0	105.3	..
106.9	100.0	Do Managed	103.3	108.8	..
71.1	37.8	Sel Inv (3)	56.1	58.6	..
62.2	37.3	Do Pen (3)	50.4	53.5	..
155.5	94.4	Prop Units (27)	98.6	104.7	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	93.2	99.0	..
145.4	94.2	Do Pen (27)	93.0	98.0	..
103.8	100.0	Conv Bnd	103.8	109.4	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
95.4	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	95.4	100.4	..
95.6	100.0	Do Accum	95.6	100.6	..
112.6	100.0	Equity Fnd	107.8	113.5	..
112.9	100.0	Do Accum	108.5	114.2	..
107.5	100.0	Property Fnd	95.3	100.3	..
95.7	100.0	Do Accum	95.7	100.7	..
96.8	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	96.8	101.8	..
97.2	100.0	Do Accum	97.2	102.3	..
106.9	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	104.1	109.6	..
108.8	100.0	Do Accum	104.7	110.2	..
95.8	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	95.8	100.8	..
96.3	100.0	Do Accum	96.3	101.4	..
95.1	100.0	Property Pen	95.1	100.1	..
96.2	100.0	Do Accum	96.2	101.2	..
97.3	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	97.3	102.4	..
97.8	100.0	Do Accum	97.8	102.9	..
113.4	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	107.3	113.0	..
113.6	100.0	Do Accum	107.9	113.6	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE. 0273 21517			
105.8	100.0	Triad Man Bond	103.8	112.9	..
		Atlantic Assurance.			
		Atlantic Hse, Billingshurst, Sussex. 040-381 3451			
108.3	102.0	All-Weather Ac	108.3	114.0	..
106.9	106.8	Do Capital	106.9	112.5	..
111.5	97.0	Investment Fnd	106.5		..
102.0	85.0	Pension Fnd	97.0		..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-555 1211			
83.1	66.0	Barclaybonds	82.0	86.4	..
		Canada Life Assurance.			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1. 01-930 6122			
35.4	24.9	Equity Growth	38.5		..
96.5	53.5	Retirement	81.9		..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
11.72	7.38	Equity Units £	11.72		..
107.0	67.0	Do Accum	107.0		..
75.0	48.0	Do Annuity	73.0		..
956.0	714.0	Prop Units	728.0		..
952.0	726.0	Do Accum	813.0		..
9.60	7.94	Exec Bal £	9.60		..
7.94	5.06	Exec Equity £	7.94		..
11.35	9.39	Exec Prop £	9.65		..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond £	9.60	10.16	..
7.94	5.33	Equity Bond £	7.94	8.40	..
11.35	10.00	Prop Bond £	9.65	10.21	..
9.60	7.94	Bal Units £	9.60		..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	62.5	65.4	..
54.9	42.8	Prop Units	[illegible]	45.8	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
49.1	41.5	W'minster Units	39.5	41.5	..
[illegible]	27.2	Land Bank	37.2		..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	33.1		..
135.0	131.8	Prop Annuity	132.0	138.8	..
102.3	100.0	Int Option Bnd	102.3	107.6	..
32.5	24.2	Equity Fnd	32.5	34.2	..
		2nd Managed Fund			
121.1	46.9	Performance	112.7		..
115.4	113.2	Balanced	114.5	120.5	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0		..
		Commercial Union Group.			
		St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
31.3	[illegible]	Variable An Acc	30.8		..
13.6	10.2	Do Ann	11.4		..
		Cornhill Insurance.			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month.			
110.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	93.5		..
49.5	25.0	GS Special	37.5		..
113.5	85.0	Man Grwth (23)	113.5	119.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon 01-686 4300			
109.2	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	106.0		..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
62.8	50.8	Crusader Prop	50.2	55.8	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	33.7	Eagle Units	34.6	35.9	7.25
40.7	33.8	Midland Units	34.8	35.9	7.28
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd.			
		30 Charles II St, SW1. 01-930 2404			
41.6	31.8	Am Grth Fnd (1)	41.6	43.8	..
[illegible]	16.0	Flexible Fnd	21.1	22.2	..
42.5	33.6	Trst of Trsts	42.5	44.3	..
41.0	35.1	Do Cap	41.0	46.3	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
124.4	[illegible]	Prop Bond	126.8	132.1	..
90.6	50.9	Pen Man Bonds	90.6	95.4	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
105.2	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	105.2	110.8	..
113.3	[illegible]	Equity	116.7		..
134.7	106.3	Property	113.3	122.6	..
107.8	73.1	Managed Cap	[illegible]	102.2	..
115.9	90.7	Do Accum	108.7	113.6	..
142.5	138.0	Prd Prop Cap	128.6	135.5	..
176.3	151.9	Do Accum	149.4	157.3	..
182.2	122.0	Pen Man Cap	122.9	128.8	..
148.5	137.8	Do Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
106.2	100.0	Pen FI Cap	106.2	111.2	..
110.5	100.0	Do Accum	110.8	115.7	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	25.6	Prop Bond	28.9	30.7	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
154.5	122.8	HS Prop Units	116.9	122.9	..
122.1	79.4	Fortune Man (3)	117.1	123.3	..
101.1	100.0	Money Fnd	101.1	106.4	..

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		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114-116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
49.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	45.9	48.3	..
52.3	40.0	Takeover	53.3	56.1	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT 0323 36711			
100.3	88.0	Equities	100.3	105.6	..
118.0	105.5	Fixed Int	118.0	124.3	..
113.1	95.4	Managed	113.1	119.1	..
103.4	103.2	Property	103.4	108.9	..
109.9	100.0	Money Fund	99.7	105.0	..
112.8	99.2	King & Shaxson	112.1	114.5	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance.			
		9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
107.6	59.6	Lion Equity	94.1		..
113.3	38.2	Do Accum	100.1		..
63.2	46.2	Lion Man Grwth	49.3	52.1	..
81.3	33.4	Do Cap	43.3	45.8	..
75.8	52.3	Lion Prop Fnd	[illegible]		..
78.1	45.1	Lion High Yield	54.0		..
99.5	81.6	Do Equity Pen	98.6		..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	57.4		..
70.6	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	64.0		..
		Irish Life Assurance.			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
152.9	142.4	Prop Modules	135.3	142.4e	5.26
135.3	142.4	Do Grth (31)	135.3	142.4	5.26
122.5	100.0	Managed Fnd	122.5	129.0	..
55.0	32.1	Blue Chip Fnd	50.2	52.9	4.70
		Langham Life Assurance.			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8882			
135.8	105.6	Property Bnd	101.2	106.5	..
30.8	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	21.3	22.4	..
84.2	43.5	Midas Bond (34)	46.8	49.3	..
84.3	41.3	Capital Accum	46.2		..
53.2	52.9	WISP (SpecMan)	53.2	56.0	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
28.5	21.5	Secure Rent	28.0	30.0	..
30.5	18.0	Select Inv	23.5	26.0	..
23.0	18.0	Do 2nd	19.5	21.0	..
25.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	25.0	26.5	..
24.0	18.5	Equity Fnd	19.5	21.0	..
99.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	99.5	101.5	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
124.0	100.0	Mult Grwth Fnd	124.0		..
95.6	69.3	Opt 4 Equity	86.3	90.9	..
102.4	100.0	Do Property	102.4	107.8	..
106.2	94.7	Do High Yield	106.2	111.8	..
102.7	98.9	Do Managed	101.4	106.8	..
100.5	100.0	Do Deposit	100.5	105.8	..
106.1	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	106.1	111.7	..
140.3	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	140.3	147.7	..
117.8	100.0	Do FI Fnd	117.0	123.2	..
117.8	100.0	Do Man Fnd	117.8	124.0	..
103.2	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	103.2	108.7	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts 0438 56101			
29.0	17.3	Manulife (5)	27.7	29.1	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
107.9	102.7	Conv Dep Bnd	107.9		..
105.2	100.0	Do Pension	105.2		..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	57.9		..
142.3	91.1	Do Pension	142.3		..
103.3	90.2	Managed Bond	91.8		..
108.3	98.3	Do Pension	100.2		..
117.9	100.2	Money Market	113.8		..
123.8	100.0	Do Pension	118.5		..
150.8	24.7	Property Bond	98.4		..
145.1	24.7	Do Pension	94.0		..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
94.7	59.2	Equity Bond (4)	85.0	89.4	..
77.9	41.2	Do Bonus	[illegible]	62.4	..
62.3	42.9	Int'l Bnd (4)	64.3	67.6	..
110.4	95.9	Fam Bnd 1976	110.4		..
103.8	66.9	Do 1977-80	56.0		..
102.8	70.2	Do 1981-86	102.8		..
90.8	67.5	Managed Bonds	90.6	95.5	..
43.1	29.4	Mirror Bonds	42.1		..
127.5	94.7	Pers Pen (5)	117.1	120.7	..
139.9	109.4	Prop Fnd (4)	104.1	110.0	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
125.4	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	123.4	129.9	..
182.2	[illegible]	Do Equity (3)	182.2	192.8	..
96.6	100.0	Do Prop (3)	96.6	101.7	..
99.0	100.0	Do Fix Int (3)	95.8	100.8	..
110.9	84.3	Do Units (38)	102.1		..
		Pearl-Montagu Assurance.			
		252 High Holborn, London, WC1. 01-388 6464			
105.6	96.8	Prop Units	92.9	100.1	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	58.9	Wealth Ass Bnd	80.1	84.4	..
49.5	35.5	Ebor Ass (31)	46.6		..
51.9	39.0	Ebor Endow (32)	50.4	52.9	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
178.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	143.4		..
115.0	100.0	Do Bal AcBnd	100.0		..
106.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	95.8		..
93.1	67.3	Do Managed	71.4		..
102.7	81.8	Do Equity Bnd	83.7		..
112.7	100.0	Do Flex Mny	112.7		..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF. 01-928 0381			
176.0	141.5	Prop Growth (29)	141.5		..
751.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	460.0		..
136.5	125.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	136.0		..
54.5	48.8	Shenley Inv (29)	52.8		..
126.4	100.0	Do Equity	126.4		..
109.8	100.0	Do Money	109.8		..
120.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	120.0		..
103.5	103.5	Immed Ann (29)	103.5		..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
17.22	8.31	Equity £	12.72	13.11	..
11.82	10.61	Fixed Int £	11.38	11.77	..
19.60	16.46	Property £	16.71	17.29	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	136.6	Rel Prop Bnd	138.6		..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
96.0	79.3	Bal Bnd	89.4	94.2e	..
[illegible]	54.7	Equity Bnd	[illegible]	92.4	..
[illegible]	13.6	Gilt Bond (4)	19.7	20.8	..
124.3	100.3	Prop Fnd (29)	100.0	105.3	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		13-24 Maltravers St, WC2. 01-836 3883			
95.8	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	95.8	100.9	..
101.4	100.0	Fixed Interest	101.4	106.8	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Flexible Fnd	[illegible]	99.9	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Fnd	121.9		..
134.2	90.8	Do 2nd Ser	131.9	139.0	..
116.9	100.0	PenFndCap	115.2	121.3	..
[illegible]	100.0	PenFndAccum	121.1	127.5	..
[illegible]	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	95.5	100.6	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
241.9	[illegible]	Inv Policy	232.6	[illegible]	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Unit Endowm't	[illegible]		..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Maple Leaf (3)	117.5		..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Personal Pen	121.3		..
		Target Life Assurance.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Deposit Inc	[illegible]	104.8	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Man Fnd Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	..

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
130.0	86.0	Prop Bnd Inv	86.0		..
96.0	94.2	Do Income	89.1	94.3	..
143.0	99.0	Do Accum	99.0		..
53.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	52.6	56.2	..
56.3	32.9	Do Accum	56.3	60.2	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	61.0	Trident Man	106.5	112.2	..
118.1	93.5	Do Guar Man	113.3	119.4	..
106.3	102.0	Do Property	106.3	112.0	..
90.0	59.3	Do Equity	82.9	87.4	..
112.9	89.9	Do High Yield	110.9	116.9	..
101.8	100.0	Do Money	101.8	107.2	..
99.0	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	99.0	104.5	..
112.0	28.5	Do Bonds	40.5	43.0	..
93.30	82.10	Gilt Edged	93.30		..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (19)	84.8		..
125.8	79.4	3 Way Fnd (19)	90.8		..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd.			
		41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 0LA. 01-499 4923			
138.1	75.0	Equity Fnd	138.1	145.4	..
104.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	103.8	109.3	..
102.6	100.0	Property Fnd	102.6	108.0	..
98.9	93.6	Managed Cash	98.9	104.2	..
101.1	72.9	Managed Fnd	101.1	106.5	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
128.0	100.0	Capital Growth	120.8		..
94.4	71.7	Flexible Fnd	78.3		..
93.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	93.1		..
131.9	79.2	Prop Fnd	79.3		..
98.7	73.8	Money Maker	76.2		..
		Offshore and International Funds			
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 [illegible]			
72.6	60.3	Europ'n Sler	66.2	70.1e	
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd.			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 [illegible]			
42.5	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	42.6	45.0	
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.)			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 [illegible]			
66.7	34.8	Aust Ext Tst	36.8	39.1	
23.8	13.0	Aust Min Tst	19.2	21.2	
46.9	40.0	Isle of Man Tst	46.9	49.4	
43.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	21.7	23.2	
		Brandts & Grindley (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	112.0	119.0	
159.0	88.0	Do Accum	133.0	141.0	
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3 01-62[illegible]			
70.84	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	54.57		
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-[illegible]			
750.0	533.0	Bullock Fnd	750.0	863.0	
619.0	518.0	Canadian Fnd	619.0	715.0	
287.0	238.0	Canadian Inv	287.0	332.0	
191.0	140.0	Div Shares	191.0	222.0	
674.0	489.0	Ny Venture Fnd	674.0	777.0	
		Capital Trust (Jersey) Ltd.			
		1 Broad Street, St Helier, Jersey 05[illegible]			
83.5	55.7	Red Part Pref	77.0	80	
		Charterhouse Japhet.			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-[illegible]			
31.90	24.30	Adirepa DM	31.20	[illegible]	
33.50	29.20	Adiverba DM	33.40	[illegible]	
32.20	25.50	Fondak DM	32.50	[illegible]	
23.70	18.90	Fondis DM	23.70	[illegible]	
68.50	39.00	Gen O'seas Sufr	43.50	[illegible]	
60.20	56.50	Hispano $	65.38	[illegible]	
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, G[uernsey]			
132.0	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	126.0	[illegible]	
		Ebor Management (Jersey) Ltd.			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey.			
185.5	111.5	Channel Cap	148.8	[illegible]	
98.7	64.6	Channel Isles	95.7	[illegible]	
		Eurosyndical Group.			
		Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons			
		New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4.			
1,772	1,382	Eurunion Lux Fr	1,702	[illegible]	
539.0	253.0	Fin Union Lux Fr	308.9	[illegible]	
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar.			
1.32	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.32	[illegible]	
		Keystone Funds of Boston.			
		79 Lombard St, London, EC3.			
171.0	137.0	Polaris	140.0	[illegible]	
285.0	227.0	K'stone Growth	235.0	[illegible]	
		Lamont Investment Management L[td]			
		8 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M.			
25.0	17.4	Int Income (3)	22.9		
		Manx International Management			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M.			
135.9	87.0	Gtr Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	
46.3	34.5	Manx Int Inc	43.2		
102.1	71.1	Sch Growth (27)	78.4		
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.			
96.6	55.8	Island Fnd	96.6		
130.6	70.1	Do Accum	109.8	[illegible]	
1.58	1.29	Atlantic Exp $	1.63		
2.26	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.46		
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey			
45.4	36.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	38.1		
97.8	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	95.3	[illegible]	
93.1	84.1	Smaller Co's	91.7		
		Oliver Heath & Co.			
		31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M.			
107.6	81.9	Brit Conv Tst	107.6	[illegible]	
100.7	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	100.7	[illegible]	
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar.			
144.3	110.0	Gib Inv Tst	125.6	[illegible]	
133.5	76.1	Key City Inv	65.8		
72.5	24.9	Warrant Fnd	62.5		
		Slater Walker (Jersey).			
		2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey			
223.4	135.1	Growth Inv	223.4		
64.9	43.0	Int'l Fnd	64.3		
125.4	100.0	Jersey Energy	125.4		
		Stellar Unit Trust Managers L[td]			
		Victory Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, I.[O.M.]			
55.9	27.9	Growth (10)	43.8		
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman)			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.03	0.43	Offshore $	0.65		
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Manager[s]			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.27	0.91	Overseas $	1.10		
1.52	1.12	Do Accum $	1.40		
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey			
10.80	5.63	Overseas Str £	6.40		
12.45	7.00	Do Accum £	8.25		

e Ex dividend. * Not available to public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Pr[evious] price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspen[ded]. [illegible] divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 23.04.75 (base date: June 2 1954 original base date June 2, 1950):—

	Index No.	Div Yield	Earnings Yield	Index No.
	Latest	%	%	Previous
The Times Industrial share Index	139.87	6.34	13.62	142.63
Largest firms	136.07	6.40	13.47	141.36
Smaller firms	148.25	6.98	13.68	148.70
Capital goods	144.26	6.74	14.31	145.21
Consumer Goods	136.11	6.60	12.76	140.48
Store Shares	135.63	6.53	7.35	140.48
Largest financial share	192.20	5.03	—	197.32
Largest financial and industrial shares	134.35	6.14	—	132.02
Commodity shares	222.57	4.08	13.00	211.79
Gold Mining share	636.31	5.13	7.78	309.77
Industrial debenture stocks	7a 16	9 14*	—	76.36
Industrial preference stocks	46 03	15 43*	—	48.21
3½% War Loan	25¾	14 41*	—	23¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
Lifetime	198.47 (15.05.72)	60.18 (17.12.74)
1974	142.63 (22.04.75)	61.42 (06.01.74)
1974	136.18 (28.05.74)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1973	199.32 (12.01.73)	129.99 (14.12.73)
1972	199.47 (15.05.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.71 (31.12.71)	122.53 (02.03.71)
1970	143.78 (14.01.70)	110.73 (25.03.70)

* Flat interest yield.

a Adjusted for tax changes. e Ex dividend. e Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. d Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-emptor figures. n Forward carriage. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. v Price adj for late dealings. . . . No significant data.

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1. To accept the Directors' and Auditor's reports and to approve the financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 1974.
2. To approve the appropriation of the reserves and to declare a dividend of US $0.25, as recommended by the Board for 1974, and fix its date of payment.
3. To discharge the Directors and the Auditor from their responsibilities for all actions taken during the year 1974.
4. To confirm the co-option of Mr Wolfgang OTTO as a Director and to elect Messrs. Rudolf BAUR and C. Walter FESSLER as Directors. To determine the Directors' emoluments for 1975.
5. To determine the Auditor's fees for 1974 and to elect the Auditor for 1975.
6. To confirm the appointment and the remuneration of the investment advisers for 1975.
7. To decide on any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Each of the resolutions set out above may be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast thereon at the meeting.

The shareholders are advised that no quorum for the statutory meeting is *required and that decisions* will be taken by the majority of the shares represented at the meeting, with the restriction that no shareholder, either by himself or by proxy, can vote for a shareholding in excess of one fifth of the shares issued or two fifths of the shares represented at the meeting.

In order to participate in the statutory meeting:

—the owners of bearer shares must deposit their shares, not later than 7th May, 1975, either at the registered office of the company, or with any bank or financial institution acceptable to the company, and the relative deposit receipts must be forwarded to the registered office of the company, Case Postale 408, Luxembourg. The shares will remain blocked until the day after the meeting.

—the owners of registered shares need not deposit their certificates.

Shareholders who cannot attend the meeting in person are invited to send a duly completed and signed proxy form to the registered office of the company, Case Postale 408, Luxembourg.

No Director has entered into a contract of significance with the company.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
10 Boulevard Roosevelt,
Luxembourg.
24th April, 1975.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given that the 161st STATED ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the Society will be *held within the Head Office*, 9 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 13th day of May 1975 at 2 p.m. for the following purposes:—

To consider the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended *31 December 1974 and the Reports* of the Directors and Auditors.

To elect Directors.

To fix the remuneration of Directors.

To pass, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:—

"That the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society."

To transact any other ordinary business proper to a Stated Annual Meeting.

G. A. KINGSNORTH
General Manager and Actuary.
Head Office
9 St. Andrew Square
Edinburgh EH2 2YD
15th April 1975.

NOTE: A Summary of the Report will be published in the Press as usual and a copy will be sent on request to any member who would like to have one.

COMPANY NOTICES

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED OF DENMARK

The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at The Exchange, Copenhagen (Slotsholmsgade, Entrance B) on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1975, at 3 p.m. where the following business will be submitted:

1. Report of the Company's business during the past year.
2. Presentation of the Parent Company Accounts and Group Accounts.
3. Passing of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet, and giving discharge to the Board of Directors and the Board of Management.
4. Approval of the proposed distribution of profit for the past financial year and of the proposed dividend.
5. Election to the Board of Directors.
6. Election of two Auditors for the current year.

From the 6th May, the Agenda, the proposals to be submitted to the General Meeting, the Company and Group Accounts, and the Auditors' Report, will be open to the inspection of the shareholders at the Company's offices. They will also be sent to all shareholders noted in the Company's register of shareholders. *Cards of Admission may be obtained* from the Company's offices (in London, 5 St. Helen's Place, not later than five days before the General Meeting) on shareholders proving their rights as such in accordance with Article 13 of the Articles of Association.

No director is employed under a contract of service either with the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of The Great Northern Telegraph Company, Limited, of Denmark.

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. Placed 21 April 1975 £6M Bills due 21 July at 9.1/16%. Total outstanding £10M.

PUBLIC NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971

The Secretary of State for the Environment hereby gives notice that he has made an order under S.209 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping Up of Highways (City of London) (No. 1) Order *1975*" AUTHORISING THE STOPPING UP OF LENGTHS OF QUEENHITHE, COFFEE HOUSE ALLEY AND PART OF UPPER THAMES STREET, LONDON, EC4. Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Secretary of State, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London, SE1 (quoting LH 38 5002 7/061), and may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the Guildhall, London, EC2.

Any person aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within 6 weeks of the 24 April, 1975 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

G. E. ROWLAND,
An Assistant Chief Engineer.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS PASTORAL MEASURE 1968

Notice is hereby given by the Church Commissioners that they have prepared a DRAFT REDUNDANCY SCHEME providing for the care and maintenance of the redundant church of All Saints Great Steeping being a chapel of ease in *the parish of Great Steeping in the* diocese of Lincoln, and the land annexed or belonging thereto, by the Redundant Churches Fund.

A copy of the draft scheme may be inspected at The Vicarage, Spilsby, Lincs.

A copy may also be obtained or inspected during normal office hours upon application in the Church Commissioners' office.

Any REPRESENTATIONS with respect to the draft scheme should be made in writing to the Church Commissioners and should reach their offices not later than the 2nd June 1975.

K. S. RYLE,
Secretary
Millbank
London SW1P 3JZ
18th April 1975

CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT. INSPECTOR'S INVESTIGATION.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to *Regulation 10(1) of the Civil* Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations 1969, that an Inspector's investigation under the said Regulations is taking place into the circumstances and causes of the accident that occurred on 20th March 1975, at Wooton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, to Bell Helicopter 47G Registration G-BBKP registered in the name of Viscount Portman of Hereford.

Any persons who desire to make representations as to the circumstances or causes of the accident should do so in writing to the Chief Inspector of Accidents, Accidents Investigation Branch, Department of Trade, Shell Mex House, Strand, London WC2R 0DP within 14 days of the date of this notice and should *quote the reference EW/C 514/01.*

Dated this 24th day of April 1975.

SHIPWRECKED FISHERMEN AND MARINERS' ROYAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting will be held at FISHMONGERS' HALL, LONDON, E.C.4 (by kind permission of the Company) on THURSDAY, 5th JUNE, at 11.30 a.m.—H. E. Pinchin, Secretary, 1 North Pallant, Chichester, Sussex.

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Appointments Vacant

GENERAL VACANCIES

ASSISTANT EDITOR

THE INSTITUTION OF MINING AND METALLURGY

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Salary negotiable, but at least £3,000 per annum.

Written applications to

The Secretary,
44 Portland Place, London W1N 4BR.

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

(MALE OR FEMALE)

required immediately for firm of CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Duties will include organization of all office management services, supervision of secretarial staff, personnel work, and coordination of office activities. Previous administrative and organizational experience essential. Age 30 to 40.

Salary negotiable but not less than £3,250.

Apply in writing to:

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Applicants should have had at least two years' experience of consumer research work and must have the ability to interpret and present findings in a clear manner to all levels of line management.

The Department has a very substantial research budget and its executives are responsible for ensuring a high standard of work commissioned from its research agencies.

The Company provides outstanding opportunities for promotion. The initial salary for the successful applicant will be extremely attractive and there are generous fringe benefits.

Applications for this appointment should be made, quoting Reference No. CR 278, to L. H. OVENS, HUGHES OVENS & HEWITT LTD., 6-8 OLD BOND STREET, LONDON, W.1. who have been retained to advise on this appointment. No names will be forwarded to our Client without the applicant's prior permission.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

YOUNG PROPERTY LAWYER

NORTON ROSE BOTTERELL AND ROCHE

have a vacancy for a young Solicitor in their Property Department to work as ASSISTANT TO A PARTNER. Applicants should have had about 2 years' experience, preferably in commercial property work, and have an interest in the financing aspects of this field.

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Please apply in writing to:
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ACCOUNTANCY

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This post offers an excellent base for career advancement (especially to a candidate studying for an accountancy qualification).

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Job descriptions and application forms are obtainable from the Treasurer at the above address.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 2ND MAY, 1975.

GENERAL VACANCIES

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

Medical Information Service

requires a

PART-TIME ASSISTANT FOR AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS SECTION

Duties will be mainly concerned with the building up and maintenance of a small section of audio-visual aids for use in medical education and for the collection and dissemination overseas of information on these aids. The successful applicant will also be required to help with subject indexing of articles in medical periodicals and with the preparation of specialist bibliographies.

Candidates should have a good general education and library or information science qualifications, with experience in a medical library or a media resources centre.

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PHOTO PERSONNEL AGENCY wants sales orientated interviewer with photo knowledge/experience. 01-439 1821.

SERBO-CROAT Monitor required by BBC Monitoring Service (based at Caversham, near Reading). Duties include listening to and selective transcription of news and other broadcasts. Shift work involved. Essential qualifications: thorough idiomatic knowledge of Serbo-Croat (based on Yugoslav education or substantial period of residence) and ability to translate into good English; sound knowledge of world affairs, perfect hearing, good typing. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to undergo tests. Staff are eligible to contribute to the BBC's Pension Scheme on appointment. Starting salary for fully qualified candidates £2,895 rising, subject to satisfactory service, to £4,419 per annum. *Also provisionally eligible for* a continuing unconsolidated allowance of £234 p.a. Write for application form to Personnel Officer, BBC, Caversham Park, Reading RG4 8TZ, enclosing addressed foolscap envelope quoting reference 75.G.174.TT.

PUBLICITY DEPT. EXECUTIVE for oil co., City. Administrative and budgetary experience more important than creative talent. Neg. to £4,000.—I.C.S. Appts., 01-278 9551.

GENERAL VACANCIES

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

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For example, to become a Lodgings Inspector/Interviewer finding accommodation for overseas students, you need to be able to drive and enjoy meeting all sorts of people.

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These are just two of the posts available, we will send full details to all applicants. Starting salary at least £2,086 at age 22 or over (*pay rise pending*).

Telephone or write quoting H/7 for further details and application form to Staff Recruitment Department, The British Council, 65 Davies Street, *London W1Y 2AA.* Telephone: 01-499 8011, ext. 123.

The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead

X-Ray Department

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

to be responsible for the co-ordination of all clerical and secretarial activities in the Department. This is a new appointment and applicant must either have a sound health service background or have held a similar supervisory position elsewhere.

Salary on scale

£2,177-£2,537 per annum

For job description and application form please contact the Personnel Department, 21 Pond Street, London NW3 2PN. Tel.: 01-794 0431.

REGISTRY SUPERVISOR

required by University College London, Gower Street, WC1E 6BT, to take charge of Central Registry and Archives. Experience of Registry work essential.

Salary range £2,813-£3,263 inclusive superannuation

Applications to:
Miss E. Ridley (T)
Personnel Officer

EDITOR/WRITER wanted to work on colour illustrated books of explanation for younger children. Good degree and some relevant experience preferable but not essential. Ring 01-836 1806/1470.

SALES ADMINISTRATION Co-ordinator for oil co. in the City. Must have good experience in this industry. Age to 50. £4,000.—I.C.S. Appts., 01-278 9551.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT SOLICITOR/ LEGAL EXECUTIVE

required for a practice in Lincoln's Inn. Appreciable Probate experience essential. Salary negotiable. Bonus scheme. BUPA group. Pension scheme. Write Box 1777 M, The Times.

SOLICITORS (2), £2,124-£4,728, Tayside. See Display Appts.

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

UNIVERSITY OF READING INFORMATION SCIENTIST

An Information Scientist is *required to join a small team* which will be engaged in research on national agricultural strategy. The appointment, initially for a period of five years, will be under the direction of Professor J. C. *Bowman. Salary within Lecturer* scale £2,118-£4,896; starting date by arrangement.

Further information may be obtained from the Registrar (Room 214, Whiteknights House), The University, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AH, by whom applications should be received not later than 24 May, 1975.

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

SKINT BY SEPTEMBER

Why not ensure you really enjoy your vacation by securing an interesting teaching post before you split for the Summer. Prep School in Hampstead requires three young masters for September:

1. To teach Mathematics (age range 10+ to 11+).
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Previous teaching experience not essential, but applicants must be qualified. If you are interested please write to The Headmaster, St. Anthony's School, 90 Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, London, N.W.3. Please supply phone number, if possible.

E.F.L. qualified, experienced teacher needed now or in September.—Eckersley School of English, 14 Friars Entry, Oxford. Telephone 31268.

INFORMATION SCIENTIST, £2,118-£4,896. See Science & Tech.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Auckland

NEW ZEALAND

Applications are invited for the following appointments:

LECTURESHIP IN EITHER SOCIAL OR PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Social Anthropology.—Candidates should have completed, *or be very near to completing*, a Ph.D., or have extensive experience of teaching and research in social anthropology. While preference may be given to candidates with research experience in Oceania, especi*ally Polynesia, well-qualified* applicants who are specialists in any geographical region and in any aspect of social anthropology will be seriously considered.

Physical Anthropology.—*Candidates should be qualified* to offer courses in biological anthropology including human genetics, evolutionary theory and contemporary population biology. The successful applicant will be expected to teach courses and carry out research in biological anthropology, to develop the subdiscipline of physical anthropology in the Department, and to coordinate these developments with related programmes in human biology *elsewhere* in the University.

Closing date, 26 May, 1975.

LECTURESHIP IN ARCHITECTURE

Candidates should be qualified architects, preferably with experience in practice and teaching, and preferably with a postgraduate qualification in architecture or a related area. The Council would be particu*larly interested* in Architects with competence in areas such as: Urban Design, Landscape design, Building organization, economics and management.

Closing date, 26 May, 1975.

COUNSELLOR (MALE)

Applicants must have had professional training and have proven expertise in some appropriate field or fields of counselling and hold a university degree. Preference may be given to candidates who have studied psychology, educational psychology or social science. It is essential that applicants should be of a mature personality, flexible and versatile in *their skills. They should be* personally suitable to hold the trust and respect of students and staff and to fit naturally into the university environment. To meet the present needs of the University community, candidates for the position should be familiar with recent social changes. The Counsellor will have the status of a lecturer or senior lecturer.

Closing date 31 May, 1975.

LECTURESHIP/SENIOR LECTURESHIP IN EDUCATION

Priority will be given to *applicants with major teaching* and research interests in child psychology related to clinical and community issues, or guidance and counselling, or atypical children, although applications will also be con*sidered from well-qualified persons* in the field of educational psychology or the philosophy of education. If qualified to do so the person appointed will participate in a postgraduate course training school psychologists.

Closing date 5 June, 1975.

Salary ranges: The present salary scale for a Lecturer is NZ$7,787 rising to $9,838 and for a Senior Lecturer NZ$10,007 rising to $11,718. Commencing salary will be established in accordance with qualifications and experience within these scales. An allowance is made towards travel and *removal* expenses.

Further particulars, conditions of appointment and application procedure are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, *London WC1H OPF.*

General Manager
Swaziland Sugar Association

The Swaziland Sugar Association, a corporate body legally established in 1967, which comprises two member organisations (i.e. the Swaziland Sugar Millers' Association and the Swaziland Cane Growers' Association) represents the largest private sector investment in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Sugar plays a dominant role in the national economy, providing one-third of all exports; it is also the principal foreign exchange earner and about 60,000 people depend directly or indirectly upon the industry. The two major mills, with their supporting cane areas, at present have a total annual production capacity of 200,000 tonnes.

The Swaziland Sugar Association regulates the Swaziland Sugar Industry and advises the Government on matters relating to the industry.

The successful candidate, based in Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland, will understudy the present Chief Executive with a view to taking over in January 1977 upon his retirement. As General Manager, his main task will be to implement the policies and directives of the Association's Council supported by an executive team. His general responsibilities will, however, cover government liaison, marketing (mainly exports), legal matters, overseas representation, the International Sugar Organisation and U.S.A./E.E.C. sugar legislation as well as a wide range of financial/administrative functions.

To fill this key post we are seeking a highly competent administrator, probably aged 40-55, with graduate/professional qualifications or relevant experience, preferably with a broad knowledge of the sugar industry or a similar commodity field. Appropriate African or developing territory experience would be an advantage. Essentially he must provide evidence of successful achievement and business acumen at senior level in commerce or industry.

Benefits include a substantial negotiable salary, tax-free gratuity on termination of service, medical aid, high standard rent-free house, car, furniture loan, educational assistance where appropriate, overseas leave facilities where appropriate and all agreed removal expenses. The appointment will be on a contract basis and exceptional candidates already on a high salary scale should not be inhibited from applying since it will be flexible enough to meet individual requirements.

Please telephone (01-629 1844 at any time) or write in confidence for further information and application form to R. J. E. Barker, quoting reference no. A.6188.

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TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

With the approval of the Saff Commission, applications are invited from Enrolled Solicitors for the following posts:—

SENIOR SOLICITOR
(Litigation)

Salary £4,317-£4,728

The successful applicant will assist the Chief Solicitor (Litigation) with all matters involving litigation and claims and when necessary, will represent the Council in all proceedings before Courts, Tribunals, Inquiries, Arbitrations, etc.

SOLICITOR

Salary £2,124-£3,945

The duties of this post will be mainly of a conveyancing nature.

All things being equal, preference will be given *to Local Government employees in* Scotland.

Further information and Post Specifications may be obtained from the undersigned, with whom applications should be lodged, by 30th April, 1975.

A. H. Martin, Esq.,
Chief Executive,
TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL,
P.O. Box 78,
5 Whitehall Crescent,
DUNDEE DD1 4AR.

Director of Polymer Engineering

The British Plastics Federation, the British Rubber Manufacturers Association and the Science Research Council are cooperating to develop research and advanced training in Polymer Engineering in British Universities and Polytechnics. They are now seeking *a Director to manage the programme whose main objectives are:*

1. to provide the highly trained engineers which the British Polymer Engineering industry needs in order to prosper in an increasingly competitive world;
2. to generate research programmes in universities and polytechnics in order to establish the base of knowledge on which participating firms can build their own applied research and development programmes; and
3. to ensure that within about five years the training and research projects established in universities and polytechnics have attracted the active collaboration of firms in the Polymer Engineering industry.

The Director will have a small highly qualified staff, to assist him in the development and administration of the programme. He will, at his own discretion, be able to take a direct part in both training and research. The Science Research Council will provide accommodation and supporting services; probably at their Daresbury Laboratory in Cheshire. The appointment will be for an agreed term of about five years. The salary and superannuation arrangements will be negotiated on a basis which will be attractive to the right person.

The successful candidate will probably be a professional engineer with good experience in industry. He will be well endowed with commitment, imagination and drive since the *success of this most important programme* will depend on him.

Applications, with a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees, should be made in confidence by letter to Mr R Lewis c/o Cranford, Blackdown, Leamington Spa CV32 6RQ by 24 May 1975. The envelope should be marked "PED" in the top left hand corner. Mr Lewis would also welcome suggestions from others of people who might be considered.

Further information about the present plans for this programme may be obtained from the Secretary, Science Research Council, State House, High Holborn, London WC1R 4TA.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

university of wales
university college of swansea

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the vacancy of Research Assistant in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering to work on an S.R.C. supported project on the use of Scan Conversion techniques in computer graphics. Candidates should have an honours degree in electrical engineering and experience in digital electronics.

The appointment, which will be until December 31, 1977, will be on the scale £2,118-£2,757 per annum, together with threshold payments and U.S.S. benefits.

The closing date is Friday, May 9, 1975.

HIGH TEMPERATURE PROPERTIES OF MATERIALS

Applications are invited for the following vacancies in an active and well-equipped research group concerned with *high temperature properties of a* range of metallic and ceramic materials in the Department of Metallurgy and Materials Technology.

Research Fellow: to study the dependence of the creep *properties of dilute alloys on* structure, composition and thermal history. Candidates should have several years postgraduate experience preferably in the use of transmission electron microscopy. The commencing salary will be up to £3,412 per annum and the appointment will be for one year in the first instance.

Postgraduate Studentship: to read for an M.Sc. or Ph.D. for work on metals and ceramics. Applications will be welcomed *from graduates, or those expecting to graduate in June 1975* (or graduate equivalent) in materials science, metallurgy, chemistry or geology.

The closing date is Friday, May 23, 1975.

Further particulars and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Registrar/Secretary, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to whom they should be returned by the *appropriate closing dates.*

University of Melbourne

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Several fellowships are awarded twice each year for full-time research in any department of the university.

Eligibility: Ph.D. or at least equivalent research experience.

Tenure: One to two years.

Salary: $12,350 (Australian) (currently equivalent to US$17,570 or £6,866), $488 annual increment, plus return air fare.

Grants-in-aid and Travel Grants.

Several grants-in-aid are also awarded twice each year to academics on salaries leave to conduct full-time research at the university.

Detailed information from the Secretary for Graduate Studies, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria, 3052, Australia, or from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF.

Applications close July 31, 1975.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
NEW ZEALAND

Applications are invited for the following appointments:

LECTURESHIP IN ART HISTORY

Within the Department of English. Candidates must have qualifications spanning the areas *of English literature* and the fine arts. A study of appropriate art forms is included in contextual treatment of Renaissance history, literary periods and anthropology. It is in one or more of these areas that the appointee might find his or her greatest opportunities, but a primary expectation will be the development of courses in classical art and literature and in the history and literatures of the European Renaissance.

SENIOR LECTURESHIP IN ENGLISH

Special consideration will be given to candidates whose *teaching and research interests* are in post-medieval literature.

SENIOR LECTURERS IN NEW SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Candidates must have professional and academic experience, preferably a higher degree, or be willing to work towards obtaining a higher degree on a part-time basis within the first term of appointment. The appointees will be expected to participate in the work of the School in general, to coordinate part-time lecturers in specialised areas, and to assume responsibility for the teaching and development of the subject areas which are tentatively placed in the following groups: History of Architecture and History of Building Technology; Structural Mechanics and Building Structures.

Salary ranges: Senior Lecturer NZ$10,007 to $11,718 (bar) $12,062 to $12,743; Lecturer NZ$7,787 to $9,838. An allowance is made towards travel and removal expenses.

Further details, conditions of appointment and application procedure are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts.), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H OPF.

Applications close on 15 June, 1975.

University of London King's College

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT

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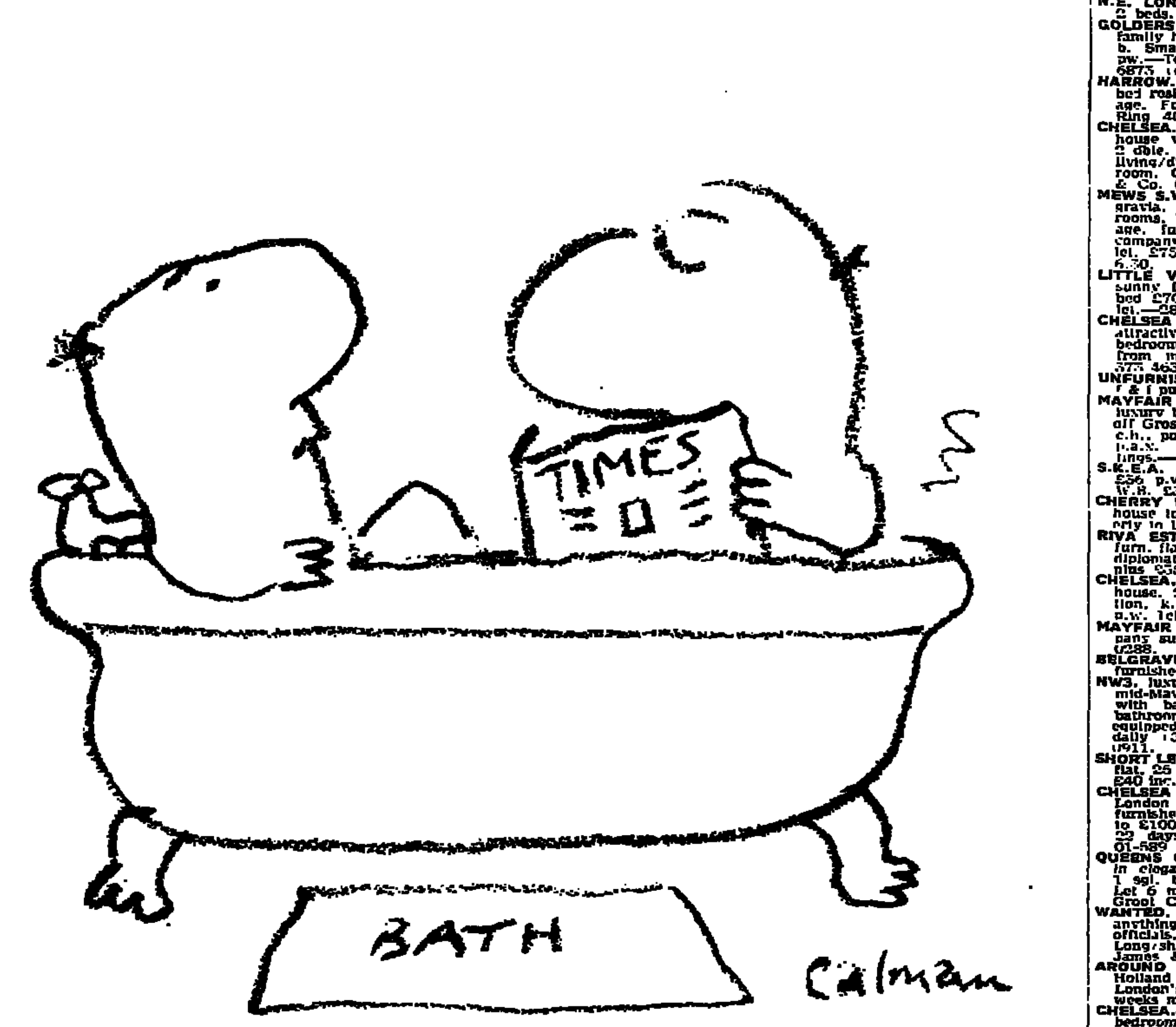

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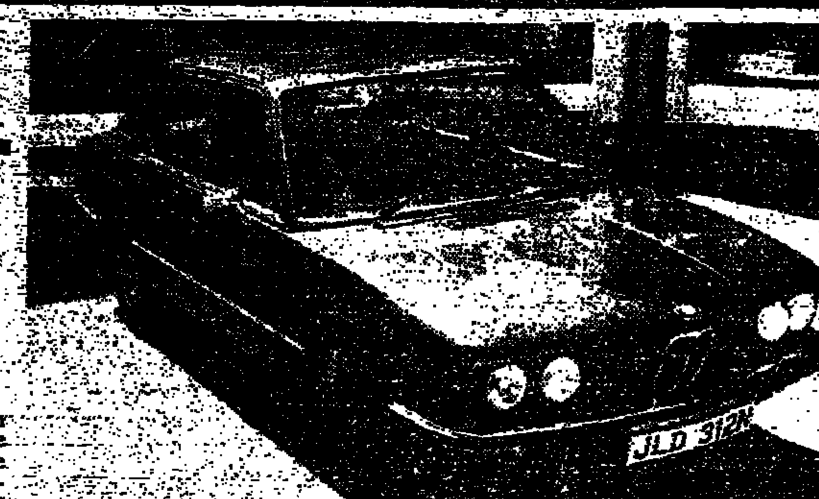
The BMW 518, a car for today's conditions.

o become so obsessed with ıotoring difficulties that we ey are universal. It came s a shock this week to dis- intry not three hours flight don where the phrase isis" has hardly entered the petrol is still cheap, and eters are almost unknown. in Hungary is roughly at it had reached in Britain 1930s. Car ownership, at y thousand of the popula- warf Poland's 20 or Russia's ıly a fifth of what it is here. hat the difficulties created of safety, pollution, fuel and traffic congestion, ondingly less intense.

ıpulation of only 10 million, rate so low that the gov- prepared to push young ied couples up the housing promise to have children. m never be a major car is in fact one of the few Europe that neither manu- assembles cars.

rge for personal transport rong than it is in the west. go there were fewer than in Hungary. By 1970 the 240,000 and today it has f a milion. In the next five l policy is to add 450,000. obviously have to be im- the most popular model, ı third of all sales in 1974, ın version of the Fiat 124. Other Russian makes, the German two-stroke, Wart- bant, and the Czechoslovak- sell strongly and the ilt Renault 12, the Dacia, ıg its mark.

ırs accounted for only one ales last year and will not at all in 1975. The reason ugh by imposing a 60 per ıs duty the Hungarian virtually ensures that the luct cannot be competitive. he Lada costs the equiva- £1,600, and the Wartburg are cheaper than a smaller like the Renault 4. No sell in Hungary, but it is estimated that the Mini at over £2,000. In Britain, the Lada sells at less than t would seem that the k is having things both

garay getting 85 per cent her from its own fields or oviet Union petrol prices reased at the rate they did . The low grade 86 octane a gallon, and 92 octane to our two-star) is 50p, 98 octane at 63p a gallon, ınts for only five per cent

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BP thinks that even this small foot-hold is worth the cost and effort, while the Hungarians feel that western brand names are good for their foreign tourist trade.

It would be wrong to leave the impression that Hungary is naive in motoring matters. The driving test, for instance, is tougher than in Britain, requiring candidates to pass a written examination in the Highway Code and car mechanics before proceeding to the practical part. There is also a medical check. Before taking the test, a candidate must have driven a car under instruction for 30 hours.

From January 1, 1976, Hungary joins the growing list of countries making the wearing of seat belts compulsory, but offenders will not be punished for the first two years.

Road Test: BMW 518

The 518 is a car that would not have been built but for the fuel crisis, or rather the various factors including the price of petrol and the general economic recession that have so changed the face of motoring in the past 18 months. The idea of putting a smaller, 1.8 litre, engine into the "5" series bodyshell was conceived immediately after the Arab-Israel war of October, 1973, and the car was on the road within eight months. By the start of this year it was accounting for a third of all "5" series production.

The 518 represents a bold change of policy by BMW which has traditionally sold its cars on a fast sporting image. Here was a deliberate sacrifice in performance and a change of emphasis away from pure speed to formerly less glamorous items such as comfort, safety and economy. The 518 has all the BMW qualities except outstanding performance, and with maximum speed limits now in force in most countries (except, ironically, Germany, home of BMW) who needs 100 mph any more? For once the sales slogan is accurate: the 518 really is a "car for our time".

The chief attraction in Britain of the 518 is its price. BMW has had a hard time selling its cars here recently, largely because its prices were too high. At £3,299 the 518 may still be considered expensive for an 1800 cc car, but it is £300 cheaper than the next model in the range, the two-litre 520, and despite small variations in trim and equipment is in many ways better value. I should not be surprised if it soon established itself among BMW's best-selling models in Britain.

Putting a smaller engine into a comparatively large and heavy car must mean a loss of performance, and the 518 is a bit slower than the 520, which for some tastes was itself underpowered. The 0 to 60 mph acceleration time of 13.5 seconds may not be typically BMW, and there were times when I could have done with more power for overtaking, but in today's conditions those are not serious criticisms. The top speed of just under 100 mph leaves plenty in hand for relaxed motorway cruising.

The engine is admirably smooth and quiet, though there is a boom at about 70 mph, but little noise from the road; the only intrusion is wind noise, which can be fierce on the open road. The 518 would appear to have the edge on the 520 for fuel economy, and I returned over 28 mpg in mixed driving.

Otherwise the 518 has most of the features, mostly excellent, of the rest of the "5" range. The ride and handling are extraordinarily good; after driving some admittedly much cheaper cars recently it was a treat to find a vehicle that glided over bumps instead of trying to have a stand-up fight with them. The car held the road well in all conditions and cornered surely, with a lot in reserve and hardly any roll. Steering, brakes and a short, neat gear change all add to the enjoyment and safety of the car, though without power assistance the steering felt a little heavy when parking. While on parking, it must be said that it is impossible to see either the front or rear end of the car from the driver's seat, with consequences, happily not serious, which I must explain to BMW when I return the car.

Finally, although not overlarge (the length is 15ft 2in), the 518 is a most roomy car, taking up to five people in comfort with plenty of leg room and a splendid boot. My only grumble is that the seats were a little on the firm side.

Economy Fords

In an exercise not dissimilar to the 518, Ford this week announced that its two-litre overhead-camshaft engine will be available as an option for both the Granada (which normally has a three-litre unit) and the 2½-litre Consul Estate. The idea is again to offer all the advantages of the "bigger" cars in terms of space, comfort and equipment, with better fuel economy and a lower price. At £2,803 the Granada 2000XL is about £200 cheaper than its three-litre equivalent; the saving on the Consul is smaller, about £80.

There is, of course, some loss of performance, but for the Granada 2000 Ford is claiming a 0 to 60 mph acceleration of 11.8 seconds, which is more than reasonable. At the same time, All Consuls and Granadas now have a better driving position, the result of raising the seat and bringing the clutch nearer the driver, and a slightly stiffer suspension to improve handling.

A possibly more significant development may in the long run prove to be the fuel economy "pack" Ford is offering on the 11000 version of the revised Escort. It comprises a low-compression engine to run on two-star fuel (saving about 2p a gallon), a special carburettor, and lower-geared rear axle. Ford claims fuel savings of between 10 and 15 per cent with a small drop in performance, and though the Escort 1100 is not a quick car to start with, in the present climate many owners may feel that economy is more important than speed. At present the economy Escort is available (at no extra cost) to fleet buyers only, but if it takes on I cannot believe that Ford will not eventually offer it to the private motorist as well.

Peter Waymark

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there are plenty of entertaining programmes tonight, one of the most : is Play for Today (BBC1 9.35), a thinly-veiled autobiographical piece on n South West Africa. Man Alive (BBC2 9.40), which is always fun, reports xploitation films while the excellent short plays season in Second City 3C2 10.50) finds football player Paul past his best—at 18. Special Branch) is an entertaining cops and robbers yarn but Love Thy Neighbour continues to top the ratings with racialist jokes. Born Free (ITV 7.0) is e better made-for-television series and Sam and the River (BBC1 5.15) ising new teatime adventure.—T.S.

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BBC 2

6.40-7.55 am, Open University.* The Trend of Specialization. 7.05, Balanced Budget. 7.30, What is Truth? 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.25 pm, Open University:* Forms of Social Interaction. 5.50, Baroque Solo Concertos. 6.15, Computers—Case Studies. 6.40, Homes from Home: Caring for the Mentally Handicapped. 7.05-7.30, Open University:* 7.05, Pearl Harbor.
7.30 Newsday.
7.55 A Legacy: part 4.
8.45 Collector's Pieces: Silver Repair.
9.00 Liberal Party political broadcast.
9.10 Twiggs.
9.40 Man Alive: X-ploitation.
10.30 Poems and Pints.
10.50 Play: Released, by Stephen Wakelam.
11.20 News Extra.
11.39 Closedown.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 4.25 pm, Tarzan. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Rock on With 45. 7.05, The Pathfinders. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Reports Extra. 11.10, What the Papers Say. 11.30, Shannon's Mob. 12.25 am, Closedown.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today at Six. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Maude. 11.10, Double Top. 11.50, Late News Extra. 12.05 am, Headlines for God.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 4.25 pm, Tarzan. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.10, Love American Style. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Marcus Welby. 8.00, Thames. 10.45, Gardening Today. 11.10, Matter of Concern. 11.40, Evening Prayers.

Border

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.50, Junior Library. 5.05, Cartoon. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Movin' On. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Gardening Today. 11.10, Maude. Arthur Mores. In. 11.40, Border News.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Arthur of the Britons. 5.20, Professor Kitzel. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, F Troop. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Late Call. 10.45, Rock on with 45. 11.50, News. 12.00, New Faces.

Thames

10.35 am, The 21st Century. 11.00, Schools. 12.00, Rainbow. 12.15 pm, Flower Stories. 12.30, Making Things Fit. 1.00, First Report. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, General Hospital. 3.00, Racing from Epsom. 4.25, Rainbow. 4.45, Cartoon. 4.50, The Wild, Wild West.
5.50 News.
6.00 Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Born Free.
8.00 Love Thy Neighbour.
8.30 This Week.
9.00 Liberal Party Political Broadcast.
9.10 Special Branch.
10.10 News.
10.40 Documentary—A Place in Europe: Wales.
11.10 The State of the Welfare State: Social Security.
12.10 What the Papers Say.
12.25 Built as a City.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 4.25 pm, Tarzan. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Calendar People.* 11.10, Barnaby Jones.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 4.25 pm, Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. 5.20, Rock on With 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 10.40, Gardening Today. 11.10, Checkmate. 11.40, Twilight Zone. 12.10 am, Jean Denton.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Around the World in Eighty Days. 4.50, Beachcombers. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Shut That Door. 8.30, Thames. 10.40, Film: The Fiend Who Walked the West*, with Hugh O'Brien, Linda Cristal. 12.20 am, Southern News Extra. 12.30, Weather, Guideline.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 4.25 pm, The Houndcats. 4.50, The Flaxton Boys. 5.20, 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Thames. 11.10, What's It All About.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Dave Lee Travis. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, John Peel. 7.00, The '78 Show. 7.30, The Organist Entertains. 8.02, Folk Music.* 8.30, Folkweave.† 9.02, Joe Loss. 10.02, Sport. 10.05, Don Durbridge. 12.31 am, News. † Stereo.

2
6.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. 9.02, Tony Brandon.† 10.30, Waggoners' Walk. 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 1.55 pm, Good Listening (VHF). 2.02, As Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, As Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Cimarosa, Vivaldi, Rameau. 8.00, News. 8.05, Concert: Mussorgsky, Shostakovich, Glazunov, Prokofiev.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Clementi, Hummel.† 9.40, Concert: Beethoven, Gretry, Beecham, Sibelius, Delibes.† 10.25, The 1974 Bath Festival: Purcell, Mozart.† 11.20, Interval Reading. 11.25, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 12.10 pm, Brahms.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Lutoslawski, Roussel.† 1.45, Bach and Reger: Violin Recital.† 2.20, Don Chisciotte Della Mancia: Music by Giovanni Paisiello.* 4.20, Melody.† 5.25, Pied Piper. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (contd). 6.30, Study on 3: Hawks and Doves, part 5: Dag Hammarskjold and the United Nations. 7.10, The ABC of Education, part 13: when should we start thinking about our child's career? 7.30, Beethoven Songs.† 8.05, Mozart, Schumann.† 9.05, The Continuing Effect of Thorstein Veblen: talk. 9.25, Schumann.† 10.05, Jean Cocteau—Enfant Terrible. 11.10, Purcell. 11.25, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the day. 6.45, Today. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45-7.50, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.0, News. 9.05, These You Have Loved. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story: A High Standard. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Troubles. 11.50, Johnny Morris. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Music! 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Whirlpool. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story: Heavy Weather: Part 4. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Dad's Army. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Any Answers? 8.00, The Scandalous Death of Benito Mussolini. 8.45, Analysis. Spain. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: The Mill on the Floss part 4. 11.00, Financial World. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51, Inshore Forecast.

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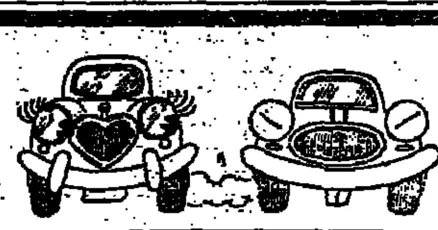

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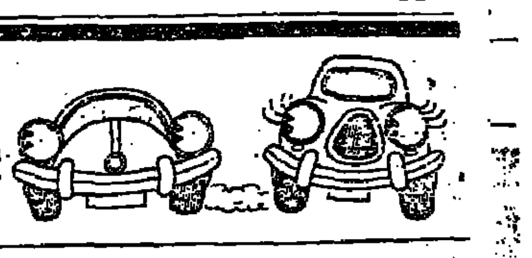

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CAREY.—On 20th April, at Nelson Hospital, Wimbledon, to Alysoun (née Marshall) and Jeremy—a daughter (Hannah Elisabeth).

CLIFFORD.—On 22nd April at St. George's Hospital, to Diana (née Sims) and John—a daughter.

DEVLIN.—On 21st April, 1975, to Rosemary (née Van der Kiste) and Matthew Devlin—a son (Edward).

DUMMETT.—On April 20th, 1975, to Julia and Nicholas Dummett—a son.

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GRACE.—On April 23rd, at Upton Hospital, Slough, to Edwina (née Liddiard) and Wallace Grace—a son (Samuel David), brother for Andrew and Nigel.

HARPER.—On April 22, to Ewan and Jennifer (née Hoare-Scott)—a son (Thomas Robert Ewan), a brother for Jane, Mary and Sarah.

HASSLACHER.—On 23rd April, at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Beaconsfield, to Elizabeth (née Hollis) and Peter Hasslacher—a son.

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SWINSON.—On April 19th, 1975, at Pembury Hospital, to Naomi (née Blakeley) and Tony Swinson—God's gift of a daughter (Clara Jane), a sister for Sarah, Lucy and Polly.

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DEATHS

ALLEN.—On April 23rd Clifford, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, very dear husband of Dorothy and father of Geoffrey. Funeral service Saturday, 26th April, 1975, at St Nicholas, Gosforth Parish Church, at 10.00 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

ARUNDALE.—On April 20, 1975, Jill, of 475 Brook Lane, Moseley, dear wife of John and devoted mother of Jill, Andy, Ginny and Tom. Fearon.

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DORMAN.—On 22nd April, 1975, in her 92nd year, at Kingsmead Hospital, Stafford, peacefully after a short illness, Madeline Louise, dearly loved and greatly admired by her five sons, Maurice, Hilary, Stephen (killed in action), Richard and Michael and by her daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A service will be held at the Meeting Room, Church Lane, Stafford, at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, 28th April. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to British and Foreign Bible Society.

DRIVER.—On April 22nd, 1975, Sir Godfrey Driver, C.B.E., F.B.A., Emeritus Professor of Semitic Philology in the University of Oxford, Honorary Fellow of Magdalen and of New College. Funeral service on Monday, April 28th, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Magdalen College. Family flowers only, please.

EBBELS.—On April 22nd, 1975 Harold Leslie Ebbels passed peacefully away at Bridge House, Forty Hill, Enfield. Funeral will take place at Enfield Crematorium on Monday, 28th April, at 11.15 a.m. All flowers to W. Nodes Ltd., Chapel of Rest, 15 Bounds Green Road, Wood Green, N.22.

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HALL.—On 22nd April, 1975, Colonel Sir Lionel Reid Hall, Bart, M.C., of Scorton, Richmond, Yorkshire, beloved husband of Marjorie. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Bolton on Swale, on 26th April at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation.

HAMMOND.—On 22nd April, in hospital, Ernest John (O.B.E.), devoted father of Pamela Nicholson. Funeral service at church of St Mary the Virgin, Merton, S.W.19, on 29th April, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, to 47 Cranes Park Avenue, Surbiton. Donations to Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Fulham Palace, S.W.6.

HINDLEY.—On April 21, 1975, peacefully, at his residence in Hove, Sussex, Harold Brailsford, in his 88th year, formerly partner in Whinney Murray & Co., deeply mourned by his wife and family. Funeral service at Newark Cemetery, Friday, April 25, at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to C. E. Rose Ltd., Beacon Hill Rd., Newark, Notts.

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LIND HOLMES.—On 21st April, 1975, Simon Lind Holmes, fourth son of Christopher and Chantal Lind Holmes. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's, Cadogan Street, S.W.3, on Friday, 25th April at 1 p.m.

LIOTARD.—On April 23rd, 1975, in hospital, Gertrude (née Thackstone), of 6 Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford, aged 97 years.

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NOBBS.—On 22nd April, 1975, in hospital, Sydney Wallace Nobbs, of 7 Crossland Road, Redhill, dear husband of Gwendoline. Funeral service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, on Monday, 28th April, at 2.45 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill.

NODRUM.—On Monday, 21st April, 1975, William Storell, at The Orchards, Hurst, Berkshire. Cremation private.

PATRICK.—On April 22nd, 1975, peacefully at Rosslyn House, Weybridge, after a long illness borne with great fortitude, Mother Patrick (Enright), dearly loved mother to generations of Dames de St. Maur, much beloved sister and aunt to her family, always staunch and loving to her many devoted friends, a wise and gentle guide to some thousands of students, an inspiration to all who knew her. Requiem at Rosslyn House, Tuesday, April 29, at 11.30 a.m.

PEIRSON.—On 20th April, 1975, Ernest Edward, of Oldthorpe, The Green, Esher, Surrey, for many years a member of the London Stock Exchange, so very dearly loved husband of Jean (née Smee). Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, Surrey at 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 28th April, 1975. Cut flowers only to Bryson House, Horace Road, Kingston-upon-Thames.

PHILLIMORE. MERCY.—On 22nd April, at Mount Alvernia, Hindhead. She was actively associated with the old L.S.A. for 27 years. Funeral at St Luke's, Lynch, Liphook, Hants, at noon Monday, 28th April.

QUINLAN.—On April 23rd, 1975, peacefully, after a short illness, Canon Walter Quinlan, Parish Priest of Hindhead and Beacon Hill, strengthened by the Sacraments of the Church. Very much loved by his family and parishioners. Parish requiem at St. Anselm's, Beacon Hill, on Monday, 28th April, at 7 p.m. Funeral mass at Arundel Cathedral on Tuesday, 29th April, at 11 a.m., followed by burial at St Wilfrid's, Angmering, Sussex.

SCHMIDT.—On April 22nd 1975, peacefully, after a short illness, in his 87th year, Dr. Ladislas Schmidt (formerly of 51 Park Close, Ilchester Place, London, W.14), dearly beloved father of Peter and Laci. Family funeral only. Memorial Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, W.1, on Thursday, 1st May at 11 a.m. No flowers please, but at his own request donations may be sent to Ampleforth Abbey, York, which was so dear to him, addressed to The Abbot.

SIDDORN.—On April 22nd, 1975, Mercia Eleanor, of North Cottage, Titness Park, Sunninghill, wife of the late John Siddorn and mother of Anne and Gill. Private cremation. No flowers, please.

SUNLEY.—On April 22nd, 1975 Garnett, of 45 Kenilworth Rd., Cubbington, Leamington Spa, husband of the late Christine and father of Henry.

TURNER-ROBERTSON.—On 22nd April, 1975, in hospital, Anne Turner-Robertson, R.A.D.A., 12, Eglinton Crescent, Edinburgh (latterly Principal of the Edinburgh College of Speech and Drama). Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, on Friday 25th April, at 12.35 p.m.

WIGHT-BOYCOTT.—On 22nd April, 1975, at Hook, Hampshire, Isolda Garnier, widow of Reginald William Wight-Boycott, late of Hartley Wintney, in her 97th year. Funeral service, 29th April, St. John's Church, Hartley Wintney at 12.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to Alexander and Dry, 1 Seal Road, Basingstoke.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BLISS.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Musick, will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday, 20th May. Those intending to be present are kindly asked to notify The Registrar, The Chapter Office, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA, by not later than 9th May enclosing a stamped addressed envelope please, to enable the appropriate seating arrangements to be made. Seats will be available in the Nave for members of the general public without tickets.

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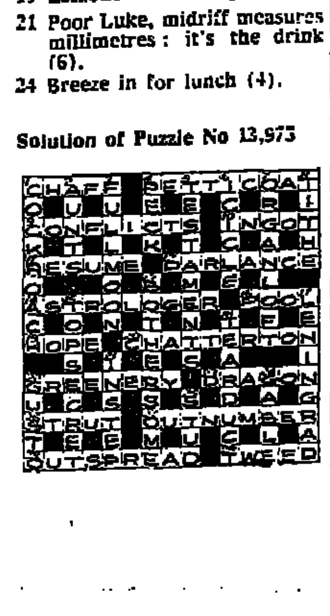
ACROSS

1 Double trunks for David's great-aunt (8).
9 Holier than thou Scots (4, 4).
10 Mount (Jorrocks's has a tail) (4).
11 "Beautiful must be the mountains whence ye come" (Bridges) (12).
13 Lily's place in song (6).
14 Where there's smoke there's this for one humble home in nine (8).
15 Don't leave our poor Dulcie N. (7).
16 Sort of secret agents round the city (7).
20 Wounded by a gun appearing round stack (8).
22 A demoness appearing ere eve? (6).
23 Bury with German camping gear now and then (12).
25 No complete foot-print on this island? (4).
26 Unpleasant outcome of boisterous Fleet fun (8).
27 Jeopardize a peace proposal? (8).

DOWN

2 Riddle again to keep back (5).
3 Pour oil, etc, or take a pill (12).
4 B.R. pensioner fought at Waterloo (3, 5).
5 Does the Merchant Navy take a red rag to the job? (7).
6 This railway has its ups and downs (6).
7 One of the warm spice islands? (4).
8 Homer's Homer after many years (8).
12 Speech of a juggernaut? (12).
15 Stimulates the churches where to be elevating but not latitudinarian (8).
17 Party leader changed—was guilty of equivocation (8).
18 Time for scenery changing at recent production (8).
19 Establish nationally (7).
21 Poor Luke, midriff measures millimetres: it's the drink (6).
24 Breeze in for lunch (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,975



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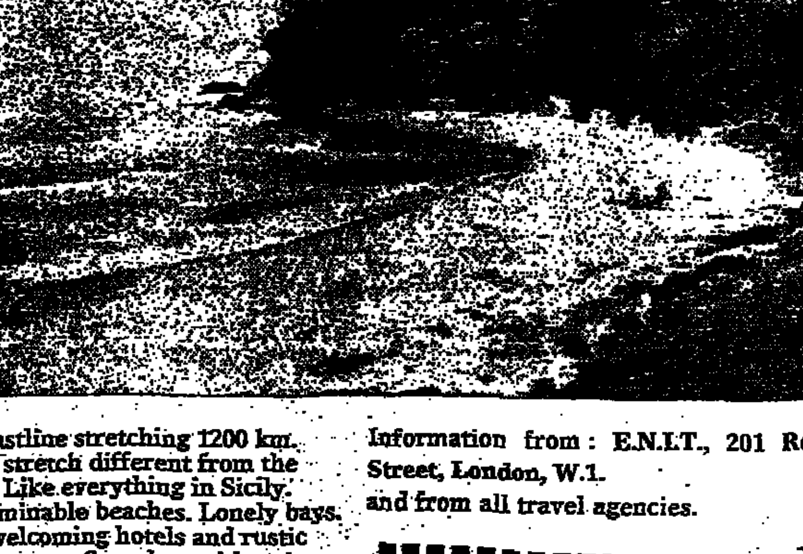

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